
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING THE CULTURAL, EDUCATIONAL, POLITICAL, AND ECONOMIC
RELATIONS BETWEEN THE PEOPLE OF HAWAII AND THE REPUBLIC OF
TURKEY.

1 WHEREAS, the Republic of Turkey and the United States of
2 America are long-standing allies that cherish the universal
3 values of freedom, democracy, and human rights; and
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5 WHEREAS, in its alliance with the United States, the
6 Republic of Turkey demonstrates a commitment to world peace and
7 liberty, as well as a tolerance of others regarding secular and
8 religious issues; and
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10 WHEREAS, the Republic of Turkey, the world's 15th largest
11 economy and Europe's sixth largest economy, is a valued trading
12 partner with the State of Hawaii, and is to be commended on its
13 contributions to the global economy; and
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15 WHEREAS, in 2009, Turkish exports to the United States
16 totaled about \$3,300,000,000, and United States exports to
17 Turkey totaled about \$8,600,000,000; and
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19 WHEREAS, on December 7, 2009, the United States and the
20 Republic of Turkey launched a new cabinet-level initiative
21 called the Framework for Strategic Economic and Commercial
22 Cooperation to increase trade and investment relations; and
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24 WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii and the Republic of Turkey
25 enjoy a strong, vibrant, and mutually beneficial economic
26 relationship, with the prospect of future growth; and
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28 WHEREAS, it is the custom of the State of Hawaii to welcome
29 all who come to our State, especially those who come in the
30 interest of friendship and commerce; and



1 WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the State of Hawaii
2 to further cultivate the mutually beneficial relationship
3 between the State of Hawaii and the Republic of Turkey and other
4 Turkic Nations; and
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6 WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes the value of
7 maintaining beneficial relationships with our allies, and the
8 contributions of our allies, including the contributions made by
9 the Republic of Turkey and the value of our positive
10 relationship with this ally; now, therefore,
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12 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
13 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
14 of 2011, the Senate concurring, that the Legislature recognizes
15 the long standing relationship between Hawaii and the Republic
16 of Turkey, looks forward to building upon our time-honored
17 friendship, as well as promoting the cultural, educational,
18 political, and economic relations between the people of Hawaii
19 and the Republic of Turkey; and
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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
22 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Prime Minister of
23 the Republic of Turkey, United States Secretary of State, and
24 Director of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism.

