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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING THE CULTURAL, EDUCATIONAL, POLITICAL, AND ECONOMIC  
RELATIONS BETWEEN THE PEOPLE OF HAWAII AND ISTANBUL,  
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, since 1947, the Republic of Turkey's alliance with  
6 the United States has demonstrated a commitment to world peace  
7 and liberty, as well as a tolerance of others regarding secular  
8 and religious issues; and  
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10          WHEREAS, the Republic of Turkey, the world's seventeenth  
11 largest economy and Europe's eighth largest economy, is a valued  
12 trading partner with the United States, and is to be commended  
13 on its contributions to the global economy; and  
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15          WHEREAS, on December 7, 2009, the United States and the  
16 Republic of Turkey launched a new cabinet-level initiative  
17 called the Framework for Strategic Economic and Commercial  
18 Cooperation to increase trade and investment relations; and  
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20          WHEREAS, in 2010, Turkish exports to the United States  
21 totaled about \$4,200,000,000, and United States exports to  
22 Turkey totaled about \$10,500,000,000; and  
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24          WHEREAS, the capital of the Republic of Turkey, Istanbul,  
25 is its largest city and the cultural, economic, and financial  
26 center of the country; and  
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1 WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii and Istanbul, Turkey, can  
 2 cultivate a strong, vibrant, and mutually beneficial economic  
 3 relationship, with the prospect of future growth; and  
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5 WHEREAS, it is the custom of the State of Hawaii to welcome  
 6 all who come to our State, especially those who come in the  
 7 interest of friendship and commerce; and  
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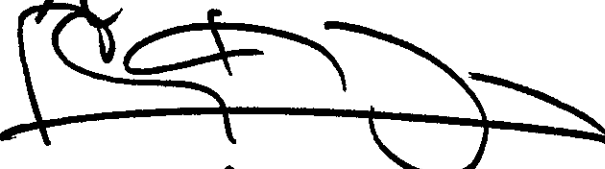
9 WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the State of Hawaii  
 10 to further cultivate the mutually beneficial relationship  
 11 between the State of Hawaii and Istanbul, Turkey; and  
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13 WHEREAS, this body recognizes the value of maintaining  
 14 beneficial relationships with our allies, and the contributions  
 15 of our allies, including the contributions made by Istanbul,  
 16 Turkey, and the value of our positive relationship with this  
 17 ally; now, therefore,  
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19 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
 20 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
 21 of 2012, the Senate concurring, that this body recognizes the  
 22 relationship between Hawaii and Istanbul, Turkey, and looks  
 23 forward to building upon this friendship as well as promoting  
 24 the cultural, educational, political, and economic relations  
 25 between the people of Hawaii and Istanbul, Turkey; and  
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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 28 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Prime Minister of  
 29 the Republic of Turkey; Mayor of Istanbul, Turkey; United States  
 30 Secretary of State; and Director of Business, Economic  
 31 Development, and Tourism.  
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