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## HOUSE 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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28          WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii and Istanbul, Turkey, can  
29 cultivate a strong, vibrant, and mutually beneficial economic  
30 relationship, with the prospect of future growth; and



1 WHEREAS, it is the custom of the State of Hawaii to welcome  
2 all who come to our State, especially those who come in the  
3 interest of friendship and commerce; and

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5 WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the State of Hawaii  
6 to further cultivate the mutually beneficial relationship  
7 between the State of Hawaii and Istanbul, Turkey; and

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9 WHEREAS, this body recognizes the value of maintaining  
10 beneficial relationships with our allies, and the contributions  
11 of our allies, including the contributions made by Istanbul,  
12 Turkey, and the value of our positive relationship with this  
13 ally; now, therefore,

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15 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
16 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
17 of 2012, that this body recognizes the relationship between  
18 Hawaii and Istanbul, Turkey, and looks forward to building upon  
19 this friendship as well as promoting the cultural, educational,  
20 political, and economic relations between the people of Hawaii  
21 and Istanbul, Turkey; and

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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
24 Resolution be transmitted to the Prime Minister of the Republic  
25 of Turkey; Mayor of Istanbul, Turkey; United States Secretary of  
26 State; and Director of Business, Economic Development, and  
27 Tourism.

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OFFERED BY:

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