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3 By Senators Waggoner, Ward, Dial, Whatley and Scofield
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4 ENROLLED, SJR30,

5 RECOGNIZING FEBRUARY 27, 2013, AS TURKISH AMERICAN
6 DAY IN ALABAMA AND COMMENDING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF TURKISH
7 AMERICANS.

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9 WHEREAS, the Republic of Turkey and the United
10 States of America have been long-standing allies, both
11 cherishing the universal values such as freedom, democracy,
12 and human rights; and

13 WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the United
14 States to strengthen the existing US-Turkish alliance through
15 productive diplomatic, economic, military, and strategic
16 relations in an increasingly complex world; and

17 WHEREAS, organizations established by
18 Turkish-American communities make significant contributions to
19 the cultural diversity, vitality, and economic well-being of
20 the southeast United States and the State of Alabama; and

21 WHEREAS, under the umbrella of Turkic American
22 Federation of Southeast, Istanbul Cultural Center, and Peace
23 Valley Foundation, improved cultural understanding has been
24 facilitated between Turkish-Americans and the people of
25 Alabama, with opportunities provided to connect through

1 programs such as festivals, art exhibits, music and dance
2 performances, and cooking classes; and

3 WHEREAS, Turkish Americans are devoted to improving
4 lives of others by assisting the aforementioned organizations
5 with relief programs for victims of natural and other
6 disasters, including the relief efforts following the
7 devastation of the unprecedented tornado outbreaks in Alabama;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, the Istanbul Cultural Center reciprocally
10 promotes Alabama and the southeast United States in Turkey,
11 through television programming, interviews, and
12 advertisements, as well as various business, cultural, and
13 educational trips to Turkey; and

14 WHEREAS, Turkish American Chamber of Commerce of the
15 Southeast United States (TACC) has been contributing to the
16 economic well-being of the southeast United States and Alabama
17 by promoting the trade and export/import opportunities through
18 business events and matchmaking programs; now therefore,

19 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
20 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we recognize February 27,
21 2013, as Turkish American Day at the Capitol and commend the
22 Turkish-American community of Alabama, TAFSE, TACC, Istanbul
23 Cultural Center, and Peace Valley Foundation for contributions
24 to diversity, economic well-being, culture, faith, and quality
25 of life in the State of Alabama.

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President and Presiding Officer of
the Senate

Speaker of the House of Representa-
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I hereby certify that the within Senate Joint
Resolution originated in and was adopted by the Senate.

Patrick Harris
Secretary

House of Representatives
Adopted: 26-FEB-13

By: Senator Waggoner