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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 192

BY REPRESENTATIVE TUCKER

A RESOLUTION

To recognize the many contributions made by citizens of the Republic of Turkey and that it is in the best interest of the state of Louisiana to promote relationships with Turkey and to create a Louisianian - Turkish Friendship Task Force.

WHEREAS, the Republic of Turkey and the United States of America are long-standing allies, both dearly cherishing the universal values of freedom, democracy, and human rights; and

WHEREAS, in its alliances with the United States, the Republic of Turkey has demonstrated its commitment to world peace and liberty as well as its tolerance of others in the secular and religious venues; and

WHEREAS, the Republic of Turkey is the world's fifteenth largest economy and Europe's sixth largest economy, is a valued trading partner with the state of Louisiana, and is to be commended on its contributions to the global economy; and

WHEREAS, the state of Louisiana and the Republic of Turkey have enjoyed a strong, vibrant, and mutually beneficial economic relationship with the prospect of further growth; and

WHEREAS, it is the custom of the state of Louisiana to welcome all who come to our state, especially those who come in the interest of friendship and commerce; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the state of Louisiana to further cultivate the good relationship between Louisiana and the Republic of Turkey and other Turkic Nations; and

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Louisiana House of Representatives to recognize the contributions of our allies and the value of maintaining beneficial relationships with allies of the state of Louisiana, such as the contributions made by the Republic of Turkey and the value of our positive relationship with this ally.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize the many contributions made by the citizens of the Republic of Turkey and that it is in the best interest of the state of Louisiana to promote relationships with Turkey.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a Louisianian - Turkish Friendship Task Force is hereby created consisting of members of the Louisiana House of Representatives designated by the speaker of the House to further long-standing Louisiana - Turkey relations, build upon time-honored friendships, and promote the cultural, educational, academic, political, and economic relations between Louisianians and Turkish people.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Turquoise Council of Americans and Eurasians.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES