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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 137

BY SENATOR BROOME

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

A RESOLUTION

2	To recognize the many contributions made by citizens of the Republic of Turkey and that
3	is in the best interest of the State of Louisiana to promote relationships with Turkey
4	and to create a Louisianian - Turkish Friendship Task Force.
5	WHEREAS, the Republic of Turkey and the United States of America are
6	long-standing allies, both dearly cherishing the universal values of freedom, democracy and
7	human rights; and
8	WHEREAS, in its alliances with the United States, the Republic of Turkey has
9	demonstrated its commitment to world peace and liberty, as well as its tolerance of others
10	in the secular and religious venues; and
11	WHEREAS, the Republic of Turkey is the world's fifteenth largest economy and
12	Europe's sixth largest economy, is a valued trading partner with the state of Louisiana, and
13	is to be commended on its contributions to the global economy; and
14	WHEREAS, the state of Louisiana and the Republic of Turkey have enjoyed a
15	strong, vibrant and mutually beneficial economic relationship with the prospect of further
16	growth; and
17	WHEREAS, it is the custom of the state of Louisiana to welcome all who come to
18	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

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WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Louisiana State Senate 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 Senate 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 Senate designated by the President of the Senate to further long standing Louisiana - Turkey relations, build upon time-honored friendships, as well as 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.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jerry J. Guillot.

## DIGEST

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