



2013 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 93

February 10, 2014 – Introduced by Representatives KNODL, BARNES, BERCEAU, BIES, CZAJA, HEBL, HINTZ, HULSEY, HESSELBEIN, JOHNSON, KAHL, KAUFERT, MARKLEIN, MILROY, MURPHY, NYGREN, A. OTT, PRIDEMORE, RINGHAND, SARGENT, STRACHOTA, TAUCHEN, WRIGHT and ZAMARRIPA, cosponsored by Senators CARPENTER, HARRIS, JAUCH, LASSA, SCHULTZ and L. TAYLOR. Referred to Committee on Rules.

AUTHORS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

1 **Relating to:** honoring the friendship between Wisconsin and Turkey.

2 Whereas, the Republic of Turkey and the United States of America are
3 long-standing allies, both cherishing the universal values of freedom, democracy,
4 and human rights; and

5 Whereas, in its alliances with the United States, Turkey has demonstrated its
6 commitment to peace and liberty, as well as its political and religious tolerance; and

7 Whereas, there are approximately 400,000 Turkish Americans in the United
8 States, and a growing number in Wisconsin; and

9 Whereas, Wisconsin values its vibrant and mutually beneficial relationship
10 with Turkey, the world's fifteenth largest economy and Europe's sixth largest
11 economy, and is excited at the prospect of future growth; and

12 Whereas, expanding the relationship between Wisconsin and Turkey is
13 economically and culturally worthy; and

Whereas, within the last five years, civic leaders, elected officials, and academics have traveled to Turkey to strengthen the relationship between Wisconsinites and Turkish people; and

Whereas, it is in the best interest of the state of Wisconsin to further cultivate the relationship with Turkey and other Turkic nations; and

Whereas, the Niagara Foundation, the Turkic-American Federation of the Midwest, the Turkish American Society of Wisconsin, and the Turkish American Cultural Center of Madison have all contributed greatly to the betterment of relations between Wisconsin and Turkey; and

Whereas, the friendship between Wisconsin and the Republic of Turkey is important and merits recognition; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the legislature honors the friendship between Wisconsin and Turkey and commends the work of the Niagara Foundation, the Turkic–American Federation of the Midwest, the Turkish American Society of Wisconsin, and the Turkish American Cultural Center of Madison.

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