

Enrolled House Resolution 2

Sponsored by Representatives FREEMAN, BAILEY; Representatives BARNHART, BENTZ, BOONE, CAMERON, CANNON, CLEM, COWAN, DEMBROW, DOHERTY, GARRARD, GARRETT, GILLIAM, GREENLICK, HANNA, HOLVEY, HOYLE, JENSON, KENNEMER, KOTEK, KRIEGER, LINDSAY, MATTHEWS, MCLANE, OLSON, READ, SHEEHAN, G SMITH, J SMITH, SPRENGER, THATCHER, TOMEI, WAND, WEIDNER, WHISNANT, WINGARD

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

Whereas in its alliance 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, which ranks as one of the world's largest economies and Europe's sixth-largest economy, is a valued trading partner with the State of Oregon and is to be commended on its contributions to the global economy; and

Whereas the State of Oregon 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 Oregon 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 Oregon to further cultivate the good relationship between Oregon and the Republic of Turkey and other Turkic nations; and

Whereas it is the policy of the Oregon House of Representatives to recognize the contributions of our allies and friends and the value of maintaining beneficial relationships with them, such as the contributions made by the Republic of Turkey and the value of our positive relationship with the Republic of Turkey; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Oregon:

That we, the members of the House of Representatives of the Seventy-sixth Legislative Assembly, recognize the many contributions made by the citizens of the Republic of Turkey; and be it further

Resolved, That an Oregonian-Turkish Friendship Task Force is proposed to be created to further the long-standing Oregon-Turkey relations and build upon our time-honored friendships, as well as to promote further cultural, educational, academic, political and economic relations between Oregonians and the Turkish people; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution shall be sent to the Pacifica Institute doing business as the Rosegarden Turkish-American Cultural Center and to its umbrella organization, the West America Turkic Council.

Adopted by House April 11, 2011

Ramona Kenady Line, Chief Clerk of House

Bruce Hanna, Speaker of House

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