

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1811

A RESOLUTION to create the Kansan-Turkish Friendship Network.

WHEREAS, The Republic of Turkey is a democratic, secular, unitary, constitutional republic; and

WHEREAS, The Republic of Turkey and the United States of America are long-standing allies. Both nations cherish 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 secular and religious venues; and

WHEREAS, The Republic of Turkey has a very diverse culture. It blends elements of the Oğuz Turkic, Anatolian, Ottoman and western cultures and traditions, which began with the westernization of the Ottoman State and continues today; and

WHEREAS, The Republic of Turkey was a founding member of the United Nations; and

WHEREAS, The architecture and archaeological riches of the Republic of Turkey are known worldwide; and

WHEREAS, The Republic of Turkey has one of the world's fastest growing economies. It is the world's 15th largest economy and Europe's sixth largest economy. It is to be commended on its contributions to the global economy; and

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

WHEREAS, It is beneficial to the state of Kansas to value the positive relationships with the allies of the state and to acknowledge their contributions. We recognize the value of our positive relationship with the Republic of Turkey and the importance of the contributions made by this ally: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That in pursuit of this noble goal, we create the Kansan-Turkish Friendship Network. The purpose of this bipartisan leadership network is to focus on Kansan-Turkish relations and issues that concern Turkish Americans in Kansas, as well as promote the cultural, educational, academic, political and economic relations between Kansans and the Turkish people by coordinating hospitality, cultural and educational events and exchanges to facilitate and strengthen the development of those relationships.

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate shall send five enrolled copies of this resolution to Senator Steineger.

Senate Resolution No. 1811 was sponsored by Senator Chris Steineger.

I hereby certify that the above RESOLUTION originated in the SENATE, and was adopted by that body

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President of the Senate.

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Secretary of the Senate.