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 clearly 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 has a very diverse culture that is a blend of various elements of the Oğuz Turkic, Anatolian, Ottoman and western culture and traditions, which started with the westernization of the Ottoman State and still continues today; and
WHEREAS, The Republic of Turkey was a founding member of the United Nations; and
WHEREAS, The Republic of Turkey is known worldwide for its architecture and archaeological riches; and
WHEREAS, The Republic of Turkey has one of the world's fastest growing economies, and is the world’s fifteenth largest economy and Europe’s sixth largest economy, and 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 and the Republic of Turkey; and
WHEREAS, It is beneficial to recognize the contributions of our allies and the value of maintaining beneficial relationships with allies of the state of Kansas, such as the contributions made by the Republic of Turkey and the value of our positive relationship with this ally; Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas:
That in pursuit of this noble goal, we would like to 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 Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives shall send an enrolled copy of this resolution to Representative Wetta and Representative Moxley.