

## House Resolution No. 6013

By Representatives Wetta and Moxley

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1 A RESOLUTION to create the Kansan-Turkish Friendship Network.

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

4 WHEREAS, The Republic of Turkey and the United States of  
5 America are long-standing allies, both clearly cherishing the universal  
6 values of freedom, democracy and human rights; and

7 WHEREAS, In its alliances with the United States, the Republic of  
8 Turkey has demonstrated its commitment to world peace and liberty, as  
9 well as its tolerance of others in the secular and religious venues; and

10 WHEREAS, The Republic of Turkey has a very diverse culture that is  
11 a blend of various elements of the Oğuz Turkic, Anatolian, Ottoman and  
12 western culture and traditions, which started with the westernization of  
13 the Ottoman State and still continues today; and

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

16 WHEREAS, The Republic of Turkey is known worldwide for its  
17 architecture and archaeological riches; and

18 WHEREAS, The Republic of Turkey has one of the world's fastest  
19 growing economies, and is the world's fifteenth largest economy and  
20 Europe's sixth largest economy, and is to be commended on its  
21 contributions to the global economy; and

22 WHEREAS, It is in the best interest of the state of Kansas to further  
23 cultivate the good relationship between Kansas and the Republic of  
24 Turkey; and

25 WHEREAS, It is beneficial to recognize the contributions of our allies  
26 and the value of maintaining beneficial relationships with allies of the  
27 state of Kansas, such as the contributions made by the Republic of Turkey  
28 and the value of our positive relationship with this ally: Now, therefore,

29 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas:*  
30 That in pursuit of this noble goal, we would like to create the Kansan-  
31 Turkish Friendship Network. The purpose of this bipartisan leadership  
32 network is to focus on Kansan-Turkish relations and issues that concern  
33 Turkish Americans in Kansas, as well as promote the cultural,  
34 educational, academic, political and economic relations between Kansans  
35 and the Turkish people by coordinating hospitality, cultural and  
36 educational events and exchanges to facilitate and strengthen the

1 development of those relationships.

2 *Be it further resolved:* That the Chief Clerk of the House of  
3 Representatives shall send an enrolled copy of this resolution to  
4 Representative Wetta and Representative Moxley.

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