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## 1 House Resolution

2 A resolution designating March 20, 2013, as "Turkish  
3 American Day" to recognize the Turkic American  
4 Federation of the Southeast for its outstanding  
5 efforts to enhance the relationship between the  
6 Turkish-American community and the people of Florida.

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8 WHEREAS, South Florida is home to one of the largest  
9 Turkish populations in the United States, with more than 9,500  
10 Turkish Americans calling the state home, the Turkish American  
11 community plays an integral role in increasing cultural  
12 diversity and broadening awareness of Turkish American heritage,  
13 and

14 WHEREAS, as a nonprofit organization the Istanbul Cultural  
15 Center has worked diligently to create a greater cultural  
16 understanding between Turkish Americans and the people of this  
17 state by promoting economic, political, and cultural relations  
18 through relationships with local community leaders,  
19 advertisements, and local programming while honing relations  
20 abroad with intercultural faith trips to Turkey, and

21 WHEREAS, the Istanbul Cultural Center has become a leading  
22 and widely recognized organization of the Turkish culture, with  
23 branches in Miami, Tampa, Tallahassee, Jacksonville, and Orlando  
24 working diligently to improve the communal relationship between  
25 Turkic and American communities through education, business, and  
26 other collaborative endeavors, and

27 WHEREAS, to increase trade between Turkish, Turkic, and  
28 American-based companies, the Turkish American Chamber of

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29 Commerce of the Southeast launched Annual Matchmaking Programs  
 30 to explore import and export opportunities between Turkey and  
 31 the United States, and

32 WHEREAS, every spring in downtown Fort Lauderdale,  
 33 thousands of Floridians gather to attend the Turkish Festival  
 34 organized by the Anatolia Cultural Center and are entertained by  
 35 traditional Turkish music and performances, NOW, THEREFORE,  
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37 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of  
 38 Florida:

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 40 That March 20, 2013, is designated as "Turkish American  
 41 Day" and the Turkish American Federation of the Southeast is  
 42 recognized for its outstanding efforts to enhance the  
 43 relationship between the Turkic community and the people of  
 44 Florida through educational, cultural, business, and other  
 45 community endeavors.