

By Senator Garcia

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1 Senate Concurrent Resolution

2 A concurrent resolution relating to a joint  
3 legislative organization; creating a Joint Legislative  
4 Task Force on Turkish and Florida Relations.  
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6 WHEREAS, the Republic of Turkey and the United States are  
7 long-standing allies, cherishing the values of freedom,  
8 democracy, and human rights, and

9 WHEREAS, in its alliance with the United States, the  
10 Republic of Turkey has demonstrated its commitment to world  
11 peace and liberty, as well as its tolerance of others in both  
12 secular and religious venues, and

13 WHEREAS, more than 15,000 Turkish Americans call Florida  
14 home, with more than 2,000 Turkish American businessmen  
15 contributing to the state, and

16 WHEREAS, there is significant value in strengthening the  
17 relational, business, and cultural ties between Turkey and the  
18 United States and facilitating opportunities to connect with  
19 community leaders of diverse cultural and faith backgrounds,  
20 NOW, THEREFORE,

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22 Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida, the House  
23 of Representatives Concurring:  
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25 That a Joint Legislative Task Force on Turkish and Florida  
26 Relations is created for the purpose of strengthening and  
27 continuing the state's friendship, business, and cultural ties  
28 with the Republic of Turkey and its people. The task force shall  
29 be composed of co-chairs appointed by the President of the

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30 Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives,  
31 respectively, and any member of the Senate and the House of  
32 Representatives who wishes to participate as a member of the  
33 task force, if appointed by the presiding officer of his or her  
34 respective legislative chamber.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this concurrent resolution  
36 shall take effect upon adoption by the Senate and the House of  
37 Representatives and shall govern the Florida Legislature for the  
38 remainder of the 2012-2014 term.