

By Senator Garcia

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Senate Concurrent Resolution

A concurrent resolution creating the Joint Legislative Task Force on Turkish and Florida Relations.

WHEREAS, the Republic of Turkey and the United States are long-standing allies, cherishing the values of freedom, democracy, and human rights, and

WHEREAS, in its alliance 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 both secular and religious venues, and

WHEREAS, the Republic of Turkey has the world's fifteenth largest economy and Europe's sixth largest economy, and is a valued trading partner with Florida, and

WHEREAS, the Republic of Turkey and the State of Florida have enjoyed a strong, vibrant, and mutually beneficial economic relationship with the prospect of future growth, and

WHEREAS, there is significant value in strengthening the relational, commercial, and cultural ties between Turkey and the State of Florida and facilitating opportunities to connect with community leaders of diverse cultural and faith backgrounds, and

WHEREAS, the Florida Legislature intends to recognize the contributions of our nation's allies and the value of maintaining beneficial relationships with those allies, NOW, THEREFORE,

Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida, the House of Representatives Concurring:

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30 That a Joint Legislative Task Force on Turkish and Florida
31 Relations is created for the purpose of strengthening and
32 continuing Florida's friendship and commercial and cultural ties
33 with the Republic of Turkey and its people and to address issues
34 that impact Turkish Americans in this state. The task force
35 shall be composed of two co-chairs, each appointed by the
36 President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of
37 Representatives, respectively, and members of the Senate and the
38 House of Representatives who desire to participate on the task
39 force, if appointed by the presiding officer of his or her
40 respective legislative chamber.

41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this concurrent resolution
42 shall take effect upon adoption by the Senate and the House of
43 Representatives and shall govern the Florida Legislature for the
44 remainder of the 2012-2014 term.