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 1                   House Concurrent Resolution
 2          A concurrent resolution relating to joint legislative
 3          organization; creating a Joint Legislative Task Force
 4          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 House of Representatives of the State of
23   Florida, the Senate 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
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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
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 House of Representatives
37 | and the Senate and shall govern the Florida Legislature for the
38 | remainder of the 2012-2014 term.

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