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8 ENCOURAGING AN ALABAMA-TURKISH FRIENDSHIP, AND
9 RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY AND
10 THE TURKIC AMERICAN FEDERATION OF SOUTHEAST.

11
12 WHEREAS, the Republic of Turkey and the United
13 States of America are long-standing allies, both dearly
14 cherishing the universal values of freedom, democracy, and
15 human rights; and

16 WHEREAS, in its alliances with the United States,
17 the Republic of Turkey has demonstrated its commitment to
18 world peace and liberty as well as its secular and religious
19 tolerance of others; and

20 WHEREAS, having the world's 15th largest economy and
21 Europe's sixth largest economy, Turkey is a valued trading
22 partner in Alabama, and is to be commended for its
23 contributions to the global economy; and

24 WHEREAS, the State of Alabama and the Republic of
25 Turkey have enjoyed a strong, vibrant, and mutually beneficial
26 economic relationship with the prospect of further growth; and

1 WHEREAS, it is the custom of the State of Alabama to
2 welcome all who come to the state, especially those who come
3 in the interest of friendship and commerce; and

4 WHEREAS, Alabama benefits greatly by continuing to
5 cultivate the good relationship between Alabama and Turkey and
6 other Turkish nations; and

7 WHEREAS, the Turkic American Federation of Southeast
8 (TAFS) is an independent nonprofit organization that
9 facilitates the mutually beneficial economic relationship
10 between Alabama and Turkey; and

11 WHEREAS, TAFS's mission is promoting the cultural,
12 educational, academic, business, social, and arts relations
13 and organizing events and activities to bring together the
14 American, Turkish, Turkic, and Eurasian communities within the
15 United States; TAFS represents 12 member organizations in five
16 states: Alabama, Georgia, Florida, Tennessee, and South
17 Carolina; and

18 WHEREAS, TAFS hosts public programs and private
19 events featuring leaders and experts with diverse views on a
20 wide range of global and regional topics through task forces,
21 executive forums, luncheons, conferences, studies, and
22 leadership dialogue; now therefore,

23 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
24 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby encourage the
25 continuing Alabama-Turkish friendship and recognize the Turkic
26 America Federation of Southeast for its efforts to promote
27 intercultural understanding and goodwill, and we further

1 extend our best wishes for a successful and memorable
2 Turkish-Alabamian Friendship Dinner.