

**SENATE CONCURRENT
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HERSHMAN, SIMPSON

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Whereas, The Republic of Turkey and the United States of America are long-standing allies, both cherishing the universal values of freedom, democracy, and human rights;

Whereas, In its alliances with the United States, Turkey has demonstrated its commitment to peace and liberty, as well as its political and religious tolerance;

Whereas, There are approximately 400,000 Turkish Americans in the United States, and a growing number in Indiana;

Whereas, Indiana values its vibrant and mutually beneficial relationship with Turkey, the world's fifteenth largest economy and Europe's sixth largest economy, and is excited at the prospect of future growth;

Whereas, Expanding the relationship between Indiana and Turkey is economically and culturally worthy;

Whereas, In May 2010, the Indiana State Department of Agriculture (ISDA) hosted a delegation from Turkey to showcase Indiana hardwoods. The relationship between ISDA and Turkey began when ISDA traveled to Istanbul and



made 35 trade leads for lumber and veneer;

Whereas, Jasper, Indiana has built a strong relationship with Turkey by supplying them with logs, lumber, veneer, and furniture products;

Whereas, The Niagara Foundation and the Turkish-American Federation of the Midwest are huge proponents of the Turkish-Hoosier Friendship Task Force;

Whereas, Within the last three years, 400 civic leaders, elected officials, and academics traveled to Turkey to strengthen the relationship between Hoosiers and Turkish people. This included creating partnerships between the civic foundations, encouraging Indiana businesses to create more business opportunities, and starting student exchange programs between the universities;

Whereas, It is in the best interest of the state of Indiana to further cultivate the relationship with Turkey and other Turkic nations; and

Whereas, The friendship between Indiana and the Republic of Turkey is important and merits recognition: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives concurring:

- 1 SECTION 1. The Indiana General Assembly honors the friendship
- 2 between Indiana and Turkey.
- 3 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to
- 4 transmit a copy of this Resolution to Bilal Eksili.

