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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Turkey has the 17th largest economy in the world
3 and is a founding member of the Organisation for Economic
4 Co-operation and Development (OECD) and the Group of Twenty
5 (G-20); and

6 WHEREAS, Turkey has signed 16 free trade agreements with
7 several countries and the European Free Trade Association, and
8 14 of those agreements are in effect; and

9 WHEREAS, Turkey is in negotiations to enter into free trade
10 agreements with several other countries, including Canada,
11 Lebanon, South Africa, and Mexico; and

12 WHEREAS, United States exports account for 6.09 percent of
13 goods that enter Turkey; and

14 WHEREAS, Closer relations with Turkey through free trade
15 agreements would encourage further privatization in Turkey's
16 economy; and

17 WHEREAS, From 2000 to 2009 Turkey's imports posted a 158
18 percent increase and imports from free trade agreement
19 countries increased by 118 percent; and

1 WHEREAS, Turkey is a democratic, secular, unitary,
2 constitutional republic, with an ancient cultural heritage and
3 westward-looking future; therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
5 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
6 support the passage of United States House Resolution 1748,
7 urging the United States to initiate negotiations to enter into
8 a bilateral free trade agreement with Turkey.