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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 of the Illinois WHEREAS, The members House of 3 Representatives wish to recognize the Turkish American Society 4 of Chicago's first annual Intercultural Art and Language 5 Contest, which will be held at the AKOO Theater in Rosemont on March 24, 2013; and 6

7 WHEREAS, The Turkish American Society of Chicago (TASC) 8 Intercultural Art and Language Contest was created to promote 9 friendship and dialogue between different cultures; the 10 contestants will perform folk dances, sing songs, and recite 11 poetry in languages such as English, Spanish, and Turkish; and

12 WHEREAS, The TASC began operating in 2005 in the city of 13 Mount Prospect to facilitate and encourage cross-cultural 14 experiences and ongoing dialogue on issues of diversity; and

15 WHEREAS, The TASC is involved in generous philanthropic 16 ventures, including raising donations to aid victims of 17 Hurricane Sandy and the October 2011 earthquake in Eastern 18 Turkey; and

19 WHEREAS, The TASC performs important work in communities 20 across Illinois; such activities include addressing the social 21 and cultural needs of the Turkish American community living in

HR0190 -2-LRB098 11529 GRL 43760 r 1 the Chicago area; introducing Turkish culture to the Chicago 2 area and establishing bridges between different cultures; uniting the Turkish-American community; creating a welcoming 3 environment for newcomers and helping them adapt to life in the 4 5 U.S.; providing the community with educational services; and establishing dialogue among communities with the goal of 6 7 leading to global peace; and

8 WHEREAS, The TASC's work in uniting the people of this 9 State and spreading the wonders of Turkish culture is worthy of 10 the greatest respect; therefore, be it

11 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES RESOLVED, ΒY THE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that 12 we recognize the Turkish American Society of Chicago's first 13 14 annual Intercultural Art and Language Contest and thank the 15 TASC for their wonderful work; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be 17 presented to the Turkish American Society of Chicago as a 18 symbol of our esteem and respect.