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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to recognize the Second Annual Turquoise Art and Language Contest, organized by the Turkish American Society, to be held at the Rosemont Theater on April 12, 2014; and

WHEREAS, The Turquoise Art and Language Contest is held annually to promote intercultural understanding, friendship, and dialogue; and

WHEREAS, The contestants will demonstrate diverse talents such as folk dancing, singing, and poetry recitation, in a multitude of languages including English, Spanish, and Turkish; and

WHEREAS, The Turkish American Society began operating in 2005 in the city of Mount Prospect to facilitate and encourage cross-cultural experiences and interfaith cooperation; and

WHEREAS, The Turkish American Society is involved in generous philanthropic ventures and projects that benefit the people of the State of Illinois, such as: addressing the social and cultural needs of the Turkish-American community living in the Chicago area, creating a welcoming environment for new

1 immigrants and helping them adapt to life in the United States,  
2 providing communities with educational services, introducing  
3 Turkish culture to the Chicago area, uniting the  
4 Turkish-American community, and establishing dialogue between  
5 diverse communities with the goal of leading to global peace;  
6 and

7 WHEREAS, The Turkish American Society efforts to forge a  
8 stronger bond amongst all Illinoisans and spread the wonders of  
9 Turkish culture are worthy of the greatest respect; therefore,  
10 be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
12 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
13 we extend our best wishes to the participants of the Turkish  
14 American Society's Second Annual Turquoise Art and Language  
15 Contest and thank the Turkish American Society for their  
16 wonderful work; and be it further

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