SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 67

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the Turquoise Council of Americans and Eurasians on the occasion of its Turkic-Texan Friendship Reception and Awards Dinner; and

WHEREAS, The Turquoise Council of Americans and Eurasians is an independent umbrella organization dedicated to promoting interaction and goodwill between the people of the United States and people of Turkish, Turkic, and Eurasian heritage; and

WHEREAS, The council pursues its goals through a variety of events and programs, including its annual Congressional Friendship Dinner in Washington, D.C., sister city pacts between American and Turkish cities, and town hall meetings; and

WHEREAS, The Turkic-Texan Friendship Reception and Awards Dinner offers guests several opportunities to experience elements of Turkish culture, including live Turkish music, Turkish cuisine, a calligraphy performance, and a water marbling demonstration; and

WHEREAS, The Republic of Turkey and other Turkic nations are valuable members of the global community whose cultural, social, and economic contributions play a vital role in the world today; Turkey has the 16th-largest economy in the world and has enjoyed a strong, vibrant, and mutually beneficial economic relationship with the State of Texas; and

WHEREAS, The Turquoise Council of Americans and Eurasians has helped to foster the spirit of mutual understanding and cooperation that encourages such productive and rewarding global exchange, and it is truly deserving of recognition for its exemplary efforts in promoting cultural, educational, and business relations among the peoples of the United States and Turkey; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 82nd Legislature, hereby commend the Turquoise Council of Americans and Eurasians on its exemplary efforts to promote intercultural understanding and goodwill and extend to all best wishes for a successful and memorable Turkic-Texan Friendship Reception and Awards Dinner; and, be it further

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 ${\tt RESOLVED}$, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the council as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

Nelson, Fraser, Huffman, Lucio

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on January 24, 2011.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate

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