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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Led by Minister of Economy Zafer Caglayan, a group
2 of prominent businessmen from the Republic of Turkey is visiting
3 Austin on April 3, 2013, and it is indeed a pleasure to welcome this
4 distinguished delegation; and

5 WHEREAS, The Republic of Turkey and the United States foster
6 a strong strategic partnership based on common values and ideals
7 such as democracy, the rule of law, and the free market economy, and
8 our countries work together to address many challenges and to
9 promote mutual interests; and

10 WHEREAS, The 17th largest global economy, Turkey is an
11 international business and financial powerhouse, with an average
12 5.2 percent annual growth from 2002 to 2011; it is an increasingly
13 important commercial partner with the Lone Star State, and as part
14 of Mr. Caglayan's efforts to further develop this relationship,
15 Turkish Airlines has recently decided to offer nonstop flights
16 between Houston and Istanbul; and

17 WHEREAS, Texas is home to some 50,000 Turkish-American
18 citizens and to organizations such as the Turquoise Council of
19 Americans and Eurasians, the Raindrop Foundation, and the Texas
20 Turkish American Chamber of Commerce that are all contributing
21 greatly to the economic vitality and cultural diversity of the
22 state; in addition, the sister city connection between Austin and
23 Antalya and between Houston and Istanbul continually reinforces
24 these bonds of friendship; and

1 WHEREAS, The State of Texas and the Republic of Turkey enjoy a
2 dynamic and mutually beneficial economic relationship, and this
3 vibrant trade alliance will continue to enhance prosperity and make
4 critical contributions to the global economy in the years to come;
5 now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
7 Legislature hereby welcome His Excellency Zafer Caglayan and the
8 accompanying Turkish delegation to Texas and extend to them sincere
9 best wishes for a productive and memorable visit to the state.