

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1071

**WHEREAS**, Each year, April 23 is celebrated by more than half a million Turkish-Americans as Turkish National Sovereignty and Children's Day; and

**WHEREAS**, On this day 95 years ago, the Turkish Grand National Assembly, or Parliament, was established in a historic move that paved the road to greater freedom, justice, and peace for the Turkish people; and

**WHEREAS**, April 23 has been observed as Turkish National Day since 1921; the day has also been celebrated since 1927 as Children's Day, a tradition that highlights the important role that future generations play in the realization of the Turkish dream for peace, progress, and prosperity; and

**WHEREAS**, Since its establishment, the Turkish Republic has demonstrated its commitment to universally held values as well as to its long-term strategic alliance with the United States of America; and

**WHEREAS**, Modern Turkey ranks among the world's fastest-growing emerging markets and remains an important ally for the United States and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization in a vast region that stretches from Eastern Europe and North Africa to the Middle East and Central Asia; and

**WHEREAS**, In less than a century of immigration to this country, Turkish-Americans have left a unique imprint on the diverse cultural spectrum of our nation and have contributed to America's advancement in the fields of business, science, medicine, technology, and arts; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 84th Legislature, hereby extend warm greetings and best wishes to all who are celebrating Turkish National Sovereignty and Children's Day and recognize April 23, 2015, as Turkish-American Day in Texas; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared to commemorate this special occasion.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on June 1, 2015.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate