

House Resolution 1925

By: Representatives Taylor of the 79th, Fludd of the 64th, and Riley of the 50th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Ülkü Sarikaya; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Ülkü Sarikaya is a 16 year-old Turkish exchange student living in Dunwoody,
3 Georgia; and
- 4 WHEREAS, a young ambassador for her country Turkey, she is teaching people about her
5 culture by making presentations in local places such as schools, churches, and nursing homes
6 while learning a wealth of information during her stay in this state; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Ülkü has served as a page at the Georgia State Capitol and by doing so gained
8 an insider's perspective and first-hand experience of the realm of politics and government;
9 and
- 10 WHEREAS, Ülkü has been involved with the community helping to provide services to
11 others; and
- 12 WHEREAS, Ülkü is very musically talented and is sharing those talents by participating in
13 the Dunwoody High School orchestra and drama, while also achieving academic success by
14 maintaining a 4.0 GPA in school; and
- 15 WHEREAS, she has gained a different perspective about "the other side of the world," by
16 learning about a new culture and she has also taught people of American origin important
17 facts and information about her home country, which is in between different important parts
18 of the world such as Europe, Asia, and the Middle East; and
- 19 WHEREAS, she came to the United States to foster an improved understanding between the
20 people of America and countries with a large Islamic populations after the September 11th
21 attacks, which caused a great fear between Americans and Muslims; and

22 WHEREAS, Ülkü is a part of the Kennedy Lugar Youth and Study Program through the
23 American Field Service, which helps to promote universal peace and understanding between
24 countries; and

25 WHEREAS, she is the daughter of Aytekin and Fatma Sarikaya and has one brother; and

26 WHEREAS, Ülkü, who is being hosted by Thomas and Wendi Taylor and their son at their
27 Dunwoody residence, is really enjoying spending this time in the United States; and

28 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
29 remarkable young person be appropriately recognized.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
31 the members of this body recognize and commend Ülkü Sarikaya for her work at the Georgia
32 General Assembly and express to her their most sincere best wishes for continued success.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
34 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Ülkü Sarikaya.