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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 86

BY REPRESENTATIVE BURRELL

A RESOLUTION

To recognize the Turquoise Council of Americans and Eurasians on the occasion of the Turkic-Louisianian Legislative reception.

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

WHEREAS, the council's mission is to promote friendship, understanding, and cooperation between the United States and the Turkic world, to foster and advance the interests of the Turkic American community, to engage and cultivate a new generation of young Turkic American leaders, to educate Americans about the Turkic world, and to encourage Turkic Americans to voice opinions on critical issues, serve as a think-tank of expertise on the Turkic world and Americans of Turkic descent, and identify and recognize the achievements of Turkic Americans in academia, the arts, business, education, government, public service, and science; and

WHEREAS, in carrying out its mission, the council is committed to building up partnerships and working with all concurring organizations based on shared values and goals on the local, state, and national levels in the sponsorship and organization of educational programs on Turkic American issues, Turkic heritage, and the Turkic world; and

WHEREAS, valuable members of the global community, the Republic of Turkey, and other Turkic nations bestow vital cultural, social, and economic contributions upon our world; and

WHEREAS, Turkey has the sixteenth largest economy in the world and has enjoyed a strong, vibrant, and mutually beneficial economic relationship with the United States; and

WHEREAS, the council participates in a variety of outreach programs and events including the annual Congressional Friendship Dinner in Washington, DC, sister city pacts between American and Turkish cities, and town hall meetings; and

WHEREAS, the Turkic-Louisianian Legislative reception offers guests several opportunities to experience elements of Turkish culture including Turkish music and cuisine as well as a water marbling demonstration.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize the Turquoise Council of Americans and Eurasians on its exemplary efforts to promote inter-cultural understanding and goodwill and extends best wishes for a successful and memorable Turkic-Louisianian Legislative reception.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Turquoise Council of Americans and Eurasians.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES