

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1827

A RESOLUTION welcoming and saluting the members of the Turkish Delegation to the State of Kansas on the occasion of the Turkish-Kansan Friendship Reception presented in cooperation with the Turquoise Council of Americans and Eurasians and the Kansas Raindrop Turkish House.

WHEREAS, The Turquoise Council of Americans and Eurasians (TCAE) is an independent umbrella organization of Turkish, Turkic and Eurasian organizations in Kansas, Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Louisiana, Arkansas and Mississippi committed to advancing communication, coordination and friendship among American and Eurasian peoples to promote and enhance our existing strong relationship through its member organizations; and

WHEREAS, The TCAE is sponsoring the "Turkish-Kansan Friendship Reception" on March 3, 2010, to welcome the Turkish Delegation to Kansas; and

WHEREAS, The Turkish-Kansan Friendship Reception will offer an opportunity for the Turkish Delegation to meet elected officials and community leaders in Kansas and will allow those invited to experience a taste of Turkish culture; and

WHEREAS, Members of the delegation are Turkish Parliament members Yasar Karayel, Ahmet Oksuzkaya and Fikri Isik; and

WHEREAS, Yasar Karayel was born in the village of Alakusak, Kayseri. He graduated from the Faculty of Economy of Marmara University where he was the administrator of the National Turkish Student Association and a manager of Fatih Dormitory of Higher Education and Fatih Gureba Hospital. Mr. Karayel became the deputy head of the City Council as well as a consultant for the Istanbul Mayor. He also was a Consultant to the Prime Minister and Assistant Consultant to the Minister of Housing and Development. Mr. Karayel also speaks German and is a proud father of three children; and

WHEREAS, Ahmet Oksuzkaya was born in Kayseri. Mr. Oksuzakaya graduated from the College of Journalism of Gazi University and the Faculty of Economy of Anadolu University. He has worked as Financial Counselor, was a member of the Chamber of Financial Consultants and later appointed to the positions of General Secretary and Vice-President of the Chamber. Mr. Oksuzkaya also operated as a delegate of The Union of Turkish Freelance Financial Counselors and Accountants. He has served as a member of City Council and is married with three children; and

WHEREAS, Fikri Isik was born in the village of Babacan, Gumushane. He graduated from the Educational Faculty and Science Departments of Middle East Technical University. Both an educator and merchant, Mr. Isik has worked as an English and math teacher at a private school in Izmit and Istanbul. He is a member of the Hareke Education, Culture and Helping Association, Red Crescent, Green Crescent, Ayisigi and the Orphans' Association. Mr. Isik speaks English and Arabic and is married with four children; and

WHEREAS, We are pleased to acknowledge our esteemed visitors from Turkey who serve as representatives of their people in their country's main legislative body: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That we do hereby welcome and salute the members of the Turkish Delegation on the occasion of the "Turquoise Council of Americans and Eurasians Turkish-Kansan Friendship Reception," and extend to them our greetings and best wishes; and

*Be it further resolved:* That this resolution be presented to the distinguished visitors from the Turkish Parliament and the members of their delegation and that one copy be forwarded to the Turquoise Council of Americans and Eurasians and made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

Senate Resolution No. 1827 was sponsored by Senator Stephen R. Morris.

I hereby certify that the above RESOLUTION originated in the SENATE, and was adopted by that body

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*President of the Senate.*

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*Secretary of the Senate.*