

## House Resolution No. 6016

By Representatives Wetta, Moxley, Dillmore, Finney, Flaharty, Lane, Meier,  
O'Neal and Pottorff

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1 A RESOLUTION to create the Kansan-Turkish Friendship Network.

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3 WHEREAS, The Republic of Turkey is a democratic, secular, unitary,  
4 constitutional republic; and

5 WHEREAS, The Republic of Turkey and the United States of  
6 America are long-standing allies; and

7 WHEREAS, The Republic of Turkey has a very diverse culture that is  
8 a blend of various elements of the Oğuz Turkic, Anatolian, Ottoman and  
9 western culture and traditions, which started with the westernization of  
10 the Ottoman State and still continues today; and

11 WHEREAS, The Republic of Turkey was a founding member of the  
12 United Nations; and

13 WHEREAS, The Republic of Turkey is known worldwide for its  
14 architecture and archaeological riches; and

15 WHEREAS, The Republic of Turkey has one of the world's fastest  
16 growing economies, and is the world's fifteenth largest economy and  
17 Europe's sixth largest economy, and is to be commended on its  
18 contributions to the global economy; and

19 WHEREAS, It is in the best interest of the state of Kansas to further  
20 cultivate the good relationship between Kansas and the Republic of  
21 Turkey; and

22 WHEREAS, It is beneficial to recognize the contributions of our allies  
23 and the value of maintaining beneficial relationships with allies of the  
24 state of Kansas, such as the contributions made by the Republic of Turkey  
25 and the value of our positive relationship with this ally: Now, therefore,

26 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas:*  
27 That in pursuit of this noble goal, we would like to create the Kansan-  
28 Turkish Friendship Network. The purpose of this bipartisan leadership  
29 network is to focus on Kansan-Turkish relations and issues that concern  
30 Turkish Americans in Kansas, as well as promote the cultural, educational  
31 and economic relations between Kansans and the Turkish people by  
32 coordinating hospitality, cultural and educational events and exchanges to  
33 facilitate and strengthen the development of those relationships; and

34 *Be it further resolved:* That the Chief Clerk of the House of  
35 Representatives shall send an enrolled copy of this resolution to

- 1 Representative Wetta and Representative Moxley.