## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, JUNE 6, 2018

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Designating June 26, 2018, as "Turkic Cultural Day" in
- 2 Pennsylvania and recognizing the valuable work of the Council
- of Turkic American Associations and the Turkish Cultural
- 4 Center of Pennsylvania.
- 5 WHEREAS, The Council of Turkic American Associations and the
- 6 Turkish Cultural Center of Pennsylvania are hosting their ninth
- 7 annual "Turkic Cultural Day"; and
- 8 WHEREAS, This observance showcases the rich mosaic of
- 9 different cultures, religions and ethnicities and educates the
- 10 public regarding the country of Turkey; and
- 11 WHEREAS, This Commonwealth proudly welcomes the Turkic-
- 12 American community to participate in "Turkic Cultural Day"
- 13 festivities; and
- 14 WHEREAS, Turkey, a secular democracy, has contributed to the
- 15 foreign policy of the United States in the Balkans, the Middle
- 16 East, Central Asia and the Caucasus; and
- 17 WHEREAS, The Council of Turkic American Associations is an

- 1 educational council that promotes Turkic-American culture and
- 2 heritage; and
- 3 WHEREAS, The Turkish Cultural Center of Pennsylvania
- 4 strengthens the cultural and educational ties among people from
- 5 diverse cultural backgrounds and furthers the cause of promoting
- 6 the Turkish heritage of tolerance and understanding; and
- 7 WHEREAS, The Council of Turkic American Associations and the
- 8 Turkish Cultural Center of Pennsylvania serve a diverse Turkic-
- 9 American population in this Commonwealth with heritages from the
- 10 countries of Turkey, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan,
- 11 Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan and Tajikistan; and
- 12 WHEREAS, Americans of Turkic origin play a significant role
- 13 in the ethnic diversity of this Commonwealth by incorporating
- 14 their rich spiritual and cultural heritage and their dedication
- 15 to the responsibilities of good citizenship; therefore be it
- 16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate June
- 17 26, 2018, as "Turkic Cultural Day" in Pennsylvania and encourage
- 18 all residents of this Commonwealth to recognize the importance
- 19 of this day; and be it further
- 20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
- 21 efforts of the Council of Turkic American Associations and the
- 22 Turkish Cultural Center of Pennsylvania in promoting mutual
- 23 understanding, respect and friendship between Turkic Americans
- 24 and their neighbors.