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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating June 26, 2018, as "Turkic Cultural Day" in
2 Pennsylvania and recognizing the valuable work of the Council
3 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
18 educational council that promotes Turkic-American culture and
19 heritage; and

1 WHEREAS, The Turkish Cultural Center of Pennsylvania
2 strengthens the cultural and educational ties among people from
3 diverse cultural backgrounds and furthers the cause of promoting
4 the Turkish heritage of tolerance and understanding; and

5 WHEREAS, The Council of Turkic American Associations and the
6 Turkish Cultural Center of Pennsylvania serve a diverse Turkic-
7 American population in this Commonwealth with heritages from the
8 countries of Turkey, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan,
9 Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan and Tajikistan; and

10 WHEREAS, Americans of Turkic origin play a significant role
11 in the ethnic diversity of this Commonwealth by incorporating
12 their rich spiritual and cultural heritage and their dedication
13 to the responsibilities of good citizenship; therefore be it

14 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate June 26, 2018, as "Turkic
15 Cultural Day" in Pennsylvania and encourage all residents of
16 this Commonwealth to recognize the importance of this day; and
17 be it further

18 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the efforts of the
19 Council of Turkic American Associations and the Turkish Cultural
20 Center of Pennsylvania in promoting mutual understanding,
21 respect and friendship between Turkic Americans and their
22 neighbors.