

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating October 29, 2012, as "Turkish Republic Day" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, October 29, 1923, is the date of the founding of the
4 Republic of Turkey by Mustafa Kemal Atatürk; and

5 WHEREAS, Turkey is one of the very few secular democracies in
6 the Muslim world and has made significant contributions to
7 United States foreign policy in the Balkans, the Middle East,
8 Central Asia and the Caucasus and has played a critical role in
9 international efforts for peace, prosperity and stability; and

10 WHEREAS, Turkey has been a staunch ally of the United States
11 and has supported the United States in every major conflict
12 since the Korean War; and

13 WHEREAS, Turkey has become an integral part of Europe through
14 its membership in NATO, the Council of Europe and its quest for
15 membership to the European Union; and

16 WHEREAS, Americans of Turkish origin play a significant role
17 in the ethnic diversity of the United States by incorporating
18 their rich spiritual and cultural heritage and their dedication

1 to the responsibilities of good citizenship; and

2 WHEREAS, We recognize many individuals of Turkish descent who
3 have chosen to reside in this Commonwealth and share their rich
4 heritage with us; and

5 WHEREAS, All Turks and Turkish-Americans will be celebrating
6 Turkish Republic Day on October 29, 2012; therefore be it

7 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate October 29, 2012, as
8 "Turkish Republic Day" in Pennsylvania and encourage all
9 citizens of this Commonwealth to recognize the importance of
10 this day.