

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2011-4640, by Representatives Upthegrove, Lias, Eddy, Cody, Kenney, Billig, Appleton, Miloscia, Dickerson, Haigh, Hudgins, Kelley, Ladenburg, Stanford, Lytton, Reykdal, Orwall, McCoy, Fitzgibbon, Maxwell, and Ryu

WHEREAS, Washington State's communities benefit from cultural diversity, cross-cultural dialogue, and the sharing of universal values of love, faith, respect, and equality; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of the State of Washington to welcome all who come to our state, especially those who come in the interest of friendship and commerce; and

WHEREAS, The Washington State and Turkish Constitutions are rooted in the shared principles of democracy, equality, and religious freedom; and

WHEREAS, The Republic of Turkey is the world's fifteenth largest economy and a valued trading partner with the State of Washington, with over three hundred fifty million dollars in products exported to that nation in 2009; and

WHEREAS, Immigrants from the Republic of Turkey and other Turkic nations have contributed to the cultural fabric and economic progress of Washington State, sharing successes in business, science, education, arts, and civic engagement; and

WHEREAS, Turkish citizens and Turkish-Americans take pride in their achievements, and cultural heritage;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State House of Representatives recognizes the unique and invaluable contributions made by Turkish people living in the State of Washington; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives celebrates the time honored friendships, cultural, educational, and economic relations between Washingtonians, Turkish-Americans, and the citizens of the Republic of Turkey; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives to the West America Turkic Council and the Acacia Foundation.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of
Resolution 4640 adopted by the House of Representatives
March 16, 2011

Barbara Baker, Chief Clerk