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HOUSE MEMORIAL 62

**49TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2010**

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A MEMORIAL

ENCOURAGING ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL EXCHANGE WITH THE REPUBLIC OF  
TURKEY.

WHEREAS, the republic of Turkey is a democratic, secular,  
unitary, constitutional republic; and

WHEREAS, the Anatolian peninsula, comprising most of  
modern Turkey, is one of the oldest continuously inhabited  
regions in the world; and

WHEREAS, the republic of Turkey has a very diverse culture  
that is a blend of various elements of the Oğuz Turkic,  
Anatolian, Ottoman and western culture and traditions, which  
started with the westernization of the Ottoman empire and still  
continues today; and

WHEREAS, the republic of Turkey was a founding member of  
the United Nations; and

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1           WHEREAS, the republic of Turkey has been and continues to  
2 be an important and strategic United States ally; and

3           WHEREAS, the republic of Turkey is a transcontinental  
4 Eurasian country that is part of both the European and Asian  
5 continents and joins the two; and

6           WHEREAS, the republic of Turkey has a rich history and  
7 strong cultural identity; and

8           WHEREAS, the republic of Turkey borders the Aegean,  
9 Mediterranean and Black seas; and

10          WHEREAS, much of the republic of Turkey has a temperate  
11 Mediterranean climate; and

12          WHEREAS, the tourism industry in the republic of Turkey  
13 has experienced rapid growth over the past twenty years; and

14          WHEREAS, the republic of Turkey is known worldwide for its  
15 architecture and archaeological riches; and

16          WHEREAS, the republic of Turkey has the world's fifteenth  
17 largest gross domestic product; and

18          WHEREAS, the republic of Turkey has one of the world's  
19 fastest growing economies;

20          NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
21 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the governor be  
22 requested to encourage a significant and ongoing economic and  
23 cultural exchange with the republic of Turkey; and

24          BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the rich history and natural  
25 beauty of the republic of Turkey be recognized and applauded;

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1 and

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
3 transmitted to the office of the governor, the office of the  
4 lieutenant governor, the economic development department, the  
5 tourism department and the cultural affairs department.

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