

1 A MEMORIAL

2 EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE RAINDROP TURKISH HOUSE AND THE
3 TURQUOISE COUNCIL OF AMERICANS AND EURASIANS; DECRYING ACTS
4 OF INTOLERANCE AGAINST MINORITIES, INCLUDING TURKISH VISITORS
5 AND TURKISH-AMERICANS; CONGRATULATING THE RAINDROP TURKISH
6 HOUSE ON ITS GRAND OPENING.

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8 WHEREAS, the turquoise council of Americans and
9 Eurasians is an independent organization headquartered in
10 Houston that is committed to advancing the interaction among
11 American and Turkish, Turkic and Eurasian people to promote
12 and encourage continuing good relationship and understanding
13 for people from all cultures and all religions; and

14 WHEREAS, the turquoise council of Americans and
15 Eurasians is an umbrella organization in the south and
16 southwestern regions of the United States, encompassing the
17 raindrop Turkish house and the institute of interfaith
18 dialogue in Albuquerque; and

19 WHEREAS, the mission of the raindrop Turkish house is to
20 introduce Turkish culture into American society and to
21 cultivate friendship and promote the understanding of diverse
22 cultures through its unique services to the community,
23 through dialogue and through cooperation; and

24 WHEREAS, the institute of interfaith dialogue, a nonprofit
25 organization, promotes mutual understanding and peaceful

1 coexistence for people of all cultures and all religions; and

2 WHEREAS, the raindrop Turkish house serves as a home to
3 Turkish-Americans and helps them to integrate into
4 multicultural American society; and

5 WHEREAS, Turkish-Americans have established many
6 organizations to promote understanding between Turkish-
7 Americans and their fellow citizens; and

8 WHEREAS, Turkish-Americans have established
9 international charities to promote the well-being of people
10 all over the world; and

11 WHEREAS, Turkish-American businesses and nonprofit
12 organizations have expressed concern over acts of intolerance
13 to which American Muslims, including Turkish-Americans, have
14 been subjected in recent years;

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
16 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that it express its support for the work
17 of the turquoise council of Americans and Eurasians and the
18 raindrop Turkish house in furthering intercultural
19 communication and educating all citizens on the importance of
20 living together in a spirit of acceptance and dialogue; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any acts of intolerance
22 directed at minorities in New Mexico, including Turkish
23 visitors and Turkish-American residents, be decried; and

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the raindrop Turkish house
25 be congratulated on its official grand opening scheduled to

1 take place in late 2011; and

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
3 transmitted to the president of the turquoise council of
4 Americans and Eurasians and the executive director of the
5 raindrop Turkish house. _____

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