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SENATE MEMORIAL 5

**50TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SPECIAL SESSION, 2011**

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A MEMORIAL

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

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

WHEREAS, the turquoise council of Americans and Eurasians  
is an umbrella organization in the south and southwestern  
regions of the United States, encompassing the raindrop Turkish  
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1 house and the institute of interfaith dialogue in Albuquerque;  
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3 WHEREAS, the mission of the raindrop Turkish house is to  
4 introduce Turkish culture into American society and to  
5 cultivate friendship and promote the understanding of diverse  
6 cultures through its unique services to the community, through  
7 dialogue and through cooperation; and

8 WHEREAS, the institute of interfaith dialogue, a nonprofit  
9 organization, promotes mutual understanding and peaceful  
10 coexistence for people of all cultures and all religions; and

11 WHEREAS, the raindrop Turkish house serves as a home to  
12 Turkish-Americans and helps them to integrate into multicultural  
13 American society; and

14 WHEREAS, Turkish-Americans have established many  
15 organizations to promote understanding between Turkish-Americans  
16 and their fellow citizens; and

17 WHEREAS, Turkish-Americans have established international  
18 charities to promote the well-being of people all over the  
19 world; and

20 WHEREAS, Turkish-American businesses and nonprofit  
21 organizations have expressed concern over acts of intolerance  
22 to which American Muslims, including Turkish-Americans, have  
23 been subjected in recent years;

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE  
25 OF NEW MEXICO that it express its support for the work of the

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1 turquoise council of Americans and Eurasians and the raindrop  
2 Turkish house in furthering intercultural communication and  
3 educating all citizens on the importance of living together in  
4 a spirit of acceptance and dialogue; and

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

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the raindrop Turkish house be  
9 congratulated on its official grand opening scheduled to take  
10 place in late 2011; and

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
12 transmitted to the president of the turquoise council of  
13 Americans and Eurasians and the executive director of the  
14 raindrop Turkish house.