

By: Senator(s) Horhn, Butler (38th), Gandy

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 562

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND SALUTING THE
2 TURQUOISE COUNCIL OF AMERICANS AND EURASIANS AND THE
3 MISSISSIPPI-TURKISH HOSPITALITY LEADERSHIP NETWORK AND WELCOMING
4 FOREIGN DIGNITARIES FROM TURKEY TO MISSISSIPPI.

5 WHEREAS, the Republic of Turkey and the United States of
6 America are long-standing allies, both cherishing the universal
7 values of freedom, democracy and human rights; and

8 WHEREAS, the Republic of Turkey is a valued trading partner
9 with the State of Mississippi, and make significant contributions
10 to the global economy; and

11 WHEREAS, the Turquoise Council of Americans and Eurasians
12 (TCAE) is an independent nonprofit organization that facilitates
13 the mutually beneficial economic relationship between Mississippi
14 and Eurasia, fosters interfaith dialog between religions, and is
15 committed to promoting positive relationships between American and
16 Turkish, Turkic and Eurasian people, regardless of their ethnic
17 origin, religion and other preferences; and

18 WHEREAS, on February 21, 2012, there is a major "Mississippi
19 Azerbaijan and Turkey Business Forum" to facilitate commerce
20 between Mississippi, Turkey and Eurasia and develop new
21 partnerships between Turkish, Azeri and Mississippi businessmen.
22 The summit will consist of conferences, field trips, matchmakings
23 and workshops. Mississippi Development Authority, Mississippi
24 Economic Council, World Trade Center and Greater Jackson Chamber
25 of Commerce and Turquoise Council of Americans and Eurasians will
26 involve the activities as sponsors. Turkey-Mississippi Business
27 Forum is a major event that will be organized annually. This
28 year's theme is "Trade-In Opportunities in Turkey, Azerbaijan and



29 Mississippi." The summit is followed by a Turkey, Azerbaijan and
30 Mississippi Friendship Reception; and

31 WHEREAS, the bipartisan Mississippi-Turkish Hospitality
32 Leadership Network was created in 2010 for the purpose of
33 providing legislators with the opportunity to strengthen
34 Mississippi-Turkish relations, address issues that concern Turkish
35 Americans in Mississippi, promote the cultural, educational,
36 academic, political and economic relations between Mississippians
37 and the Turkish people and coordinate hospitality and educational
38 events and exchanges with the TCAE, the Institute of Interfaith
39 Dialog and the Jackson Raindrop Turkish House; and

40 WHEREAS, the State of Mississippi is known as the Hospitality
41 State, and it is our custom to welcome all who come to our state,
42 especially those who come in the interest of friendship and
43 commerce, and it benefits our state to further cultivate the good
44 relationship between Mississippi and the Republic of Turkey and
45 other Turkic Nations:

46 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
47 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
48 we do hereby recognize and salute the Turquoise Council of
49 Americans and Eurasians and the Mississippi-Turkish Hospitality
50 Leadership Network and welcome the following foreign dignitaries
51 from Turkey to Mississippi on the occasion of the Business Summit
52 and Friendship Reception on February 21, 2012: Zihni Aldirmaz,
53 Mayor, Adana Metropolitan Municipality, Turkey; Mustafa Poyraz,
54 Mayor, Kahraman Maras Metropolitan Municipality, Turkey (Sister
55 City of Jackson, Mississippi); Oya Eronat, Cogresswoman,
56 Diyarbakir, Turkey; Fatos Gurkan, Cogresswoman, Adana, Turkey;
57 Safiye Seymenoglu, Cogresswoman, Trabzon, Turkey; Yahya Akman,
58 Cogressman, Turkey; Cemalettin Aydin, Consulate General, Turkey;
59 Erhan Gurkan, Bureaucrat, The Ministry of Forest, Turkey; Hilmi
60 Bilgin, Cogressman, Turkey; and Mehmet Sari, Cogressman, Turkey:



61 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
62 Fatih Ozcan, Regional Vice President of the Mississippi Turquoise
63 Council of Americans and Eurasians, the Institute of Interfaith
64 Dialog, the Jackson Raindrop Turkish House and made available to
65 the members of the Capitol Press Corps.

