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3 By Senators Waggoner, Ward, Dial, Whatley and Scofield
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8 RECOGNIZING FEBRUARY 27, 2013, AS TURKISH AMERICAN
9 DAY IN ALABAMA AND COMMENDING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF TURKISH
10 AMERICANS.

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12 WHEREAS, the Republic of Turkey and the United
13 States of America have been long-standing allies, both
14 cherishing the universal values such as freedom, democracy,
15 and human rights; and

16 WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the United
17 States to strengthen the existing US-Turkish alliance through
18 productive diplomatic, economic, military, and strategic
19 relations in an increasingly complex world; and

20 WHEREAS, organizations established by
21 Turkish-American communities make significant contributions to
22 the cultural diversity, vitality, and economic well-being of
23 the southeast United States and the State of Alabama; and

24 WHEREAS, under the umbrella of Turkic American
25 Federation of Southeast, Istanbul Cultural Center, and Peace
26 Valley Foundation, improved cultural understanding has been
27 facilitated between Turkish-Americans and the people of

1 Alabama, with opportunities provided to connect through
2 programs such as festivals, art exhibits, music and dance
3 performances, and cooking classes; and

4 WHEREAS, Turkish Americans are devoted to improving
5 lives of others by assisting the aforementioned organizations
6 with relief programs for victims of natural and other
7 disasters, including the relief efforts following the
8 devastation of the unprecedented tornado outbreaks in Alabama;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, the Istanbul Cultural Center reciprocally
11 promotes Alabama and the southeast United States in Turkey,
12 through television programming, interviews, and
13 advertisements, as well as various business, cultural, and
14 educational trips to Turkey; and

15 WHEREAS, Turkish American Chamber of Commerce of the
16 Southeast United States (TACC) has been contributing to the
17 economic well-being of the southeast United States and Alabama
18 by promoting the trade and export/import opportunities through
19 business events and matchmaking programs; now therefore,

20 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
21 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we recognize February 27,
22 2013, as Turkish American Day at the Capitol and commend the
23 Turkish-American community of Alabama, TAFSE, TACC, Istanbul
24 Cultural Center, and Peace Valley Foundation for contributions
25 to diversity, economic well-being, culture, faith, and quality
26 of life in the State of Alabama.