

Rep. Smiley offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 95.

A resolution to declare April 23, 2013, as Turkish-American Day in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, On April 23rd, over half a million Turkish-Americans celebrate the Turkish National Sovereignty and Children's Day; and

Whereas, On this day, 93 years ago, the Turkish Grand National Assembly or Parliament was established realizing the aspirations of the Turkish people for freedom, justice and peace; and

Whereas, Marked as Turkish National Day since 1921, April 23rd has also celebrated as Children's Day since 1927, signifying the role of future generations in realization of the Turkish dream for peace, progress and prosperity; and

Whereas, Since its establishment, Turkish Republic has demonstrated its commitment to the universal values of liberty, diversity, justice and peace as well as to its long-term strategic alliance with the United States of America; and

Whereas, Modern Turkey is the world's first sustainable predominantly Muslim secular democracy, among the fastest growing emerging markets and remains an important United States and NATO ally in a vast region stretching from Eastern Europe and North Africa to the Middle East and Central Asia; and

Whereas, Within less than a century of immigration, Turkish-Americans have left a unique imprint on a diverse cultural spectrum of our nation, and contributed to America's advancement in the fields of business, science, medicine, technology and arts; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body declare April 23, 2013, as Turkish-American Day in the state of Michigan; and be it further

Resolved, That members of the House of Representatives join the members of the Pax Turcica Institute in celebrations of the Turkish National Sovereignty and Children's Day holiday on April 23, 2013, and offers its sincere greetings to all Turkish people on this occasion.