

House Resolution 598

By: Representatives Marin of the 66<sup>th</sup> and Floyd of the 69<sup>th</sup>, Post 2

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Istanbul Cultural Center; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, the Istanbul Cultural Center will celebrate its opening on Saturday, March 29,  
3 2003; and

4 WHEREAS, the center was founded by Global Spectrum Foundation, a nonprofit corporation  
5 incorporated in 2002 to promote a better understanding of Turkish language, history, culture,  
6 and social life and to foster a closer relationship between the Turkish and American  
7 communities; and

8 WHEREAS, currently, the cultural center is organizing such educational ventures as Turkish  
9 language courses for English speakers and English language courses for members of the  
10 Turkish community, as well as Scholastic Aptitude Test and Graduate Record Examination  
11 preparation classes. The center is preparing such social events as the celebration of  
12 Eid-el-Fitr, which marks the end of Ramadan, the Muslim month of fasting; twice-monthly  
13 "Turkish Coffee Nights"; Turkish food festivals; and table tennis and chess tournaments; and

14 WHEREAS, the Istanbul Cultural Center is both an important focal point for the Turkish  
15 community and a vehicle for better cultural understanding among people of all nations, and  
16 the center performs an important role in the international life of the metropolitan Atlanta  
17 area.

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
19 the members of this body welcome and commend the Istanbul Cultural Center for the  
20 important role it plays in our community and wish it success in the future.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
22 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Necati Sahin, managing  
23 director of the Istanbul Cultural Center.