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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 26

BY SENATOR CARTER

SENATE. Recognizes April 23, 2017, as International Children's Day.

1	A RESOLUTION
2	To recognize April 23, 2017, as "International Children's Day".
3	WHEREAS, in 1921, soon after the Turkish legislature was formed, the founder and
4	the first President of Turkey, Mustafa Kemal Ataturk, proclaimed April 23rd as National
5	Sovereignty and Children's Day - declaring that the ultimate power rests with the people and
6	the future of the Turkish Republic belongs to the children; and
7	WHEREAS, every year since 1921, the children in Turkey celebrate "Children's
8	Day" as a national holiday with various festivities and programs; and
9	WHEREAS, inspired by the Turkish holiday, the United Nations Educational
10	Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) declared 1979 as the International Year of
11	the Child, and shortly thereafter the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) decided to
12	recognize April 23rd as the International Children's Day - a day of worldwide fraternity and
13	understanding between the world's children; and
14	WHEREAS, observing April 23rd as International Children's Day will promote the
15	welfare of children, not only in Louisiana and the United States of America, but also in the
16	rest of the world, as a day of activity devoted just to them; and
17	WHEREAS, in Louisiana, the Turkish American Association of Louisiana was
18	established in 1980 representing Turkish Americans and their friends, who played a

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1	significant role in the educational, cultural, economic, and civic development of our	
2	community, enriching the fabric of our society; and	
3	WHEREAS, the Louisiana State Senate recognizes many individuals of Turkish	
4	descent who have chosen our state as their home and share their valuable, rich heritage wi	
5	us.	
6	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana that	
7	April 23, 2017, is hereby recognized as "International Children's Day".	
8	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the citizens of Louisiana are hereby encouraged	
9	to join the Louisiana State Senate in recognizing the importance of the future of our children.	
10	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the	
11	Turkish American Association of Louisiana.	

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jerry J. Guillot.

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Recognizes April 23, 2017, as International Children's Day and encourages Louisiana citizens to join in recognizing the importance of the future of our children.