

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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The Turkish American Community
United States of America


Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

We are honored to join Turkish Americans all across the country in commemorating the 85th anniversary of the founding of the Republic of Turkey.

Like America's Founding Fathers, Ataturk set Turkey on a free and democratic course. Since that historic day, Turkey has been one of the United States' most important allies as we have pursued our many joint strategic interests, particularly in the Middle East. This bond has become even stronger since the terrorists attacks of September 11th, when Turkey's soldiers stood shoulder-to-shoulder with American troops in Afghanistan to help rid the world of al Qaeda and other extremists.

We stand united with you as Turkey celebrates this momentous occasion, and we look forward to many more years of the important friendship our nations enjoy.

Sincerely,



Ed Whitfield
Co-Chair
Congressional Turkish Caucus



Kay Granger
Co-Chair
Congressional Turkish Caucus