

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 4th Annual Turkish Day celebration in Albany on May 27, 2009, and applauding the Brooklyn Amity School students who will be honored during the celebration

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commemorate events of significance which add strength, vigor, and inspiration to the cultural diversity and quality of life in the communities of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 4th Annual Turkish Day celebration in Albany on May 27, 2009, and to commend the Turkish Cultural Centers throughout New York State and the Brooklyn Amity School students who will be honored during the celebration; and

WHEREAS, The 4th Annual Turkish Day will be held in the Well of the Legislative Office Building on Wednesday, May 27, 2009; the 11 Turkish Cultural Centers across New York State are to be commended for hosting the event this year and for their many other activities and worthy endeavors dedicated to educating and informing the public about Turkey and Turkish culture and history and to establishing bridges of understanding and respect among people of diverse cultures and heritages; and

WHEREAS, It always gives this Legislative Body great pleasure, as well, to recognize and commend young people who, by achieving outstanding success in educational competitions inspire and bring pride to their school and community and to our great State; and

WHEREAS, Such competitions, dedicated to making science, math, engineering, and technology as appealing as sports, help prepare students for their future and are worthy of praise and support; and

WHEREAS, The students of Brooklyn Amity School, established by Turkish-American businessmen in 1999, have compiled a distinguished record of success in academic competitions, including the Science Olympiad, Mathcounts, the Regional Science Olympiad, the Turkish Olympiad, and the FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) Robotics Competition; and

WHEREAS, The Legislative Body is pleased to have the opportunity to honor and congratulate the members of Brooklyn Amity School's Robotics and Turkish Olympiad Teams during this year's Turkish Day celebration and to welcome them to the State Capitol in Albany; and

WHEREAS, The outstanding students being honored include Robotics Team members: Serra Akyuz, Shahin Alirkan, Ali Can, Cihan Cansever, Cihat Cansever, Merve Gecir, Nihan Gencerliler, Fatma Gursoy, Nihal Gursoy, Elif Kucukdilli, Yiming Kudelaitijiang, Nikolai Lue and Alp Uygan, and Turkish Olympiad Team members: Ahria Bakharia-Ifill, Hatice Baytar, Cheyenne Brizan, Henry Derek, Teneane Hamil, Sema Kocak and Fabiola Pierre, all of whom stand with just pride in their accomplishments and in eager anticipation of future challenges; and

WHEREAS, Turkish Day 2009 provides an opportunity to honor these students and to celebrate the rich history and heritage of the Turkish people and to proudly memorialize the contributions of Turkish-Americans to the spirit of diversity and excellence which so distinguishes the Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 4th Annual Turkish Day celebration in Albany on May 27, 2009, and to commend the Turkish Cultural Centers throughout New York State and the Brooklyn Amity School students who are being honored during the celebration; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Turkish Cultural Centers and to The Brooklyn Amity

School.