

2017 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 26

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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

