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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, On October 23, 2011, an earthquake, measured at  
3 7.3 on the Richter scale, struck eastern Turkey near the City  
4 of Van; and

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WHEREAS, Over 500 victims have perished and thousands more  
6 have been injured from the earthquake; and

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WHEREAS, The earthquake left thousands of residents  
8 homeless, requiring a massive humanitarian aid effort to care  
9 for the displaced; and

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WHEREAS, Hundreds of aftershocks have shaken the area since  
11 the quake hit, further exacerbating an already difficult rescue  
12 and recovery effort; and

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WHEREAS, More than \$2 billion in relief funds are expected  
14 to be needed to fully help the nation of Turkey recover from  
15 this natural disaster; and

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WHEREAS, Turkey is regularly hit by violent earthquakes;  
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WHEREAS, The people of Turkey have displayed courage,  
19 strength, and determination in the aftermath of the earthquake;

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2 WHEREAS, The people of the State of Illinois and the nation  
3 of Turkey have developed a strong relationship based on mutual  
4 respect and interest; therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
6 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
7 we express our sympathy for all those affected by the 2011 Van  
8 earthquake and share the distress and despair of the people of  
9 Turkey over this tragedy; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
11 presented to the Niagara Foundation, to be transmitted to the  
12 Republic of Turkey.