

# **Support Stable Armenian-Turkish Relations for the Next 100 Years**

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**Support a resolution calling on the President to work toward equitable, constructive, stable, and durable Armenian-Turkish relations**

Dear Colleague:

Turkey and Armenia are important to American interests. Turkey is a member of NATO and its military bases helped the West win the Cold War. Armenia, which shares a border with Turkey, Azerbaijan, Georgia, and Iran, has the potential to be a key lever in advancing U.S. priorities. U.S. interests can be advanced by both countries acting to cultivate peace and understanding.

We have included below the draft text of a Congressional resolution that would start to advance such a solution, and we urge you today to co-sponsor this positive, forward-looking legislation. Congress can be a positive voice in this matter.

Sincerely,

Curt Clawson

Member of Congress

## RESOLUTION TEXT

Calling on the President to work toward equitable, constructive, stable, and durable Armenian-Turkish relations for the next hundred years based upon the two countries' common interests and the United States' significant security interests in the region.

Whereas the Obama Administration has, since early 2009, sought to improve Armenian-Turkish relations;

Whereas at the start of this process, President Barack Obama had, on April 6, 2009, voiced the United States Government's expectation that the Armenia-Turkey dialogue would "bear fruit very quickly," but recent attempts to reestablish diplomatic relations have been unsuccessful;

Whereas while other nations in the region continue to deepen their political and economic partnerships with Iran and Russia, the United States' leverage in the region is rapidly diminishing and Turkey's geostrategic position between Europe and the Middle East has made the country an important partner in combating extremism in the region;

Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives calls on the President to designate a task force comprised of Members of Congress, administration officials, and representatives from Turkey and Armenia charged with working toward equitable, constructive, stable, and durable Armenian-Turkish relations for the next hundred years, based upon the two countries' common interests and the United States' significant security interests in the region.