A RESOLUTION recognizing the many contributions made by citizens of the Republic of Azerbaijan and that it is in the best interest of the State of Kansas to promote relationships with the Azerbaijani people.

WHEREAS, The Republic of Azerbaijan and the United States of America are long-standing allies, both dearly cherishing the universal values of freedom, democracy and human rights; and

WHEREAS, The State of Kansas and the Republic of Azerbaijan enjoy a strong, vibrant and mutually beneficial economic relationship with the prospect of further growth; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of the State of Kansas to welcome all who come to our state, especially those who come in the interest of friendship and commerce; and

WHEREAS, It is the policy of the Kansas House of Representatives to recognize the contributions of our allies and the value of maintaining beneficial relationships with the allies of the United States of America, including the contributions made by the Republic of Azerbaijan and the value of our positive relationship with this ally: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas: That we recognize the many contributions made by the citizens of the Republic of Azerbaijan and that it is in the best interest of the State of Kansas to promote relationships with Azerbaijan.

*Be it further resolved:* That the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives provide an enrolled copy of this resolution to the United States Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President of the United States Senate, the Secretary of State of the United States Department of State, the Kansas Congressional Delegation and Richard L. Morningstar, the United States Ambassador to the Republic of Azerbaijan.

I hereby certify that the above RESOLUTION originated in the HOUSE, and was adopted by that body

Speaker of the House.

Chief Clerk of the House.