



Mustafa Kemal Atatürk and his Contribution to Humanity

Presented by Hunterdon
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This year marks the 130th anniversary of the birth of a towering figure of the 20th Century and the Creator of Modern Turkey, Mustafa Kemal Atatürk. A great military hero at the Dardanelles in 1915 against the Allied Forces, the commander-in-chief at Kocatepe in 1922 in the war against the invading Greek Army, the President of the Republic of Turkey in Ankara in 1923, a world leader who was honored at his death in Istanbul in 1938. Born in 1881, Mustafa was given the name of ATATURK - the father of Turks - as his last name when Turks were mandated to take a last name. As President for 15 years until his death in 1938, Atatürk introduced a broad range of sweeping reforms in the political, social, legal, economic, and cultural areas - virtually unparalleled in any country. The world honored his memory as a foremost peacemaker who upheld the principles of humanism and the vision of a united humanity. A White House statement, issued on the occasion of "The Atatürk Centennial" in 1981, paid homage to him as a "great nation leader in times of war and peace." More books have been written about Atatürk than any other world leader.

Saturday, May 21 at 1:00 pm
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