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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the observance of the Holy Month of Ramadan, a month
2 of reflection and prayer for the Muslim community, which runs
3 from May 26 through June 25, 2017, and the festival of Eid
4 al-Fitr.

5 WHEREAS, Millions of Americans practice Islam; and

6 WHEREAS, The Muslim-American population is an extraordinary
7 mosaic of ethnic, linguistic, ideological, social, economic and
8 religious groups; and

9 WHEREAS, In representation of the ninth month of the Islamic
10 calendar, Ramadan was established as a holy month for the people
11 of the Muslim faith; and

12 WHEREAS, The Holy Month of Ramadan is celebrated each year
13 based on the visual sightings of the crescent moon, as the time
14 the Quran was revealed to the Prophet Muhammad on the occasion
15 known as Laylat al-Qadr, the Night of Power; and

16 WHEREAS, Observers celebrate the ritual fast, known as Sawm,
17 one of the five pillars of Islam, by fasting from dusk until
18 dawn, experiencing hunger and thirst as a means of becoming more

1 sympathetic, pious and charitable; and

2 WHEREAS, Participants during Ramadan devote themselves to
3 reflection and the reading of the Quran, the purification of the
4 soul and the practice of self-sacrifice; and

5 WHEREAS, During the Holy Month of Ramadan, Muslims focus
6 fully on devotion and service to God, purging themselves of
7 impure thoughts and motivations which are counter to Islam; and

8 WHEREAS, The faithful gather in celebration of Eid al-Fitr,
9 the Festival of Fast Breaking, at the end of the Holy Month of
10 Ramadan, one of the most important holidays in the Muslim world,
11 marked with prayer, family reunions and the sharing of generous
12 evening meals; therefore be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
14 observance of the Holy Month of Ramadan, a month of reflection
15 and prayer for the Muslim community, which runs from May 26
16 through June 25, 2017, and the festival of Eid al-Fitr.