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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
MAY 22, 2018

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 sunset on May 15, 2018, through sunset on June 14, 2018.

4 WHEREAS, Millions of Americans practice Islam; and

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

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

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

15 WHEREAS, Observers celebrate the ritual fast, known as Sawm,
16 one of the five pillars of Islam, by fasting from dusk until

1 dawn, experiencing hunger and thirst as a means of becoming more
2 sympathetic, pious and charitable; and

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

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

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

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
15 observance of the Holy Month of Ramadan, a month of reflection
16 and prayer for the Muslim community, which runs from sunset on
17 May 15, 2018, through sunset on June 14, 2018.