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H.C.R. No. 80

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, An estimated 500,000 people in the state of Texas
2 practice Islam, marking Texas as the state with the fifth largest
3 Muslim population, with the majority residing in the cities of
4 Houston and Dallas; and,

5 WHEREAS, With more than 338 mosques and Islamic centers,
6 Texas has the largest Muslim population in the Southern United
7 States; and,

8 WHEREAS, Countless members of Texas' Muslim American
9 community have devoted their lives to service, extending support
10 and assistance to communities across the state through charitable
11 donations and community organizations; and,

12 WHEREAS, The Muslim community fosters compassion and peace
13 through the tenets of their religion, which include zakat (giving)
14 as an obligatory religious practice; and,

15 WHEREAS, With over seven decades of being a vital part of
16 Texas communities and contributing in a variety of ways around the
17 state, it is imperative that their services for the state of Texas
18 are celebrated; and,

19 WHEREAS, There are many prominent Muslim figures in Texas and
20 countless other Muslim individuals, including medical
21 professionals, first responders, teachers, among many more, who
22 have devoted their lives to serving the residents of the Lone Star
23 state; and,

24 WHEREAS, The Texas Muslim American Heritage Month

1 Celebration will encourage recognition of the contributions made by
2 Muslim-Americans to the state's culture, social services,
3 education, politics, business, technology, and arts; and, now,
4 therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the 88th Legislature of the State of Texas
6 honor and celebrate its Muslim American Community as it continues
7 to be an integral part of the State and looks forward to
8 highlighting the beauty and diversity of the Muslim American
9 culture; and, be it further

10 RESOLVED, We declare the Month of May as Muslim Heritage
11 Month in the State of Texas.

12 RESOLVED, That the 88th Legislature of the State of Texas
13 hereby designate May as Muslim Heritage Month; and, be it further

14 RESOLVED, That, in accordance with the provisions of Section
15 [391.004\(d\)](#), Government Code, this designation remain in effect
16 until the 10th anniversary of the date this resolution is finally
17 passed by the legislature.