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H.R. No. 117

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Members of the Muslim community from throughout the
2 state are gathering in Austin on January 31, 2023, to celebrate the
3 20th Texas Muslim Capitol Day; and

4 WHEREAS, Texans made history in 2022 with the election of the
5 first two Muslim Americans to the Texas House of Representatives,
6 Rep. Suleman Lalani, M.D. (HD 76) and Rep. Salman Bhojani (HD 92);
7 and

8 WHEREAS, The Muslim community is one of the fastest-growing
9 communities in Texas, with almost 500,000 residents who identify as
10 Muslim, constituting 1.7 percent of the state's population; and

11 WHEREAS, Muslims in America are one of the most racially
12 diverse communities; and

13 WHEREAS, The Muslim community pioneered mathematical
14 concepts such as algebra, the creation of zero, the modern-day
15 decimal point system, calculus, and the concept of raising a number
16 to a power; moreover, the Muslim community developed numerous
17 advancements in astronomy, geography, and medicine; in the 11th
18 century, Muslim doctors invented hundreds of surgical tools; and

19 WHEREAS, The unwavering dedication of the leaders from the
20 Islamic community in the State of Texas has served as an impetus for
21 a more equal and altruistic population; Muslims have held public
22 office in Texas from the local level, such as city council members
23 and judges, all the way up to state representatives; and

24 WHEREAS, By bringing their perspectives to the legislative

1 forum, members of the Muslim community are contributing to the
2 dialogue on policy issues and helping to work toward a brighter
3 future for all residents of the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be
4 it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
6 Legislature hereby recognize January 31, 2023, as Texas Muslim
7 Capitol Day and extend to all those participating sincere best
8 wishes for an enjoyable and memorable visit to Austin.