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H.C.R. No. 18

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The Muslim American residents of Texas have
2 benefited our state in countless ways over the course of many
3 decades, and their achievements are indeed deserving of
4 recognition; and

5 WHEREAS, The state with the fifth largest Muslim population
6 in the nation, Texas is home to an estimated 500,000 people who
7 practice Islam, with the majority of those residents living in the
8 cities of Houston and Dallas; moreover, Texas has the largest
9 Muslim population in the southern U.S., and more than 330 mosques
10 and Islamic centers are located in the state; and

11 WHEREAS, Countless members of Texas' Muslim American
12 community have devoted their lives to service, extending support
13 and assistance to individuals across the state through charitable
14 donations and civic organizations; and

15 WHEREAS, The Muslim community fosters compassion and peace
16 through the tenets of Islam, which include zakat (giving) as an
17 obligatory religious practice; and

18 WHEREAS, Muslim Americans in Texas have distinguished
19 themselves in a broad range of endeavors, including as medical
20 professionals, first responders, and teachers who have
21 demonstrated an exceptional commitment to serving their fellow
22 residents; in addition, Muslims have had an important influence in
23 business, politics, technology, the arts, and numerous other
24 fields; and

1 WHEREAS, The Muslim American community is an integral part of
2 the Lone Star State's vibrant and diverse mix of cultures, and the
3 observance of Muslim Heritage Month offers a welcome opportunity to
4 celebrate the meaningful contributions of its members; now,
5 therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the 89th Legislature of the State of Texas
7 hereby designate May as Muslim Heritage Month; and, be it further

8 RESOLVED, That, in accordance with the provisions of Section
9 [391.004\(d\)](#), Government Code, this designation remain in effect
10 until the 10th anniversary of the date this resolution is finally
11 passed by the legislature.