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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Abu Dhabi, Baku, Istanbul, and Karachi Sister
2 City Associations are joining with other organizations to host the
3 Houston Iftar annual Ramadan dinner with Mayor Annise Parker on
4 July 27, 2013; and

5 WHEREAS, The ninth and holiest month of the Islamic calendar,
6 Ramadan is a time for prayer, reflection, and sacrifice; the
7 faithful demonstrate compassion through good deeds and charitable
8 giving, and they change their daily routine to gain perspective on
9 their own lives and achieve greater spiritual understanding; and

10 WHEREAS, The strong Sister City relationships Houston enjoys
11 are a powerful reflection of its status as one of the world's most
12 diverse municipalities; fittingly, the Houston Iftar not only
13 celebrates solidarity and unity among Muslim organizations and
14 religious groups, but also provides an opportunity for Texans to
15 come together with those of other faiths, recognizing shared values
16 and expressing mutual respect; and

17 WHEREAS, This joyous and inclusive event promotes fellowship
18 and deepens understanding and appreciation for the rich cultural
19 heritage that makes Houston such a vibrant and welcoming city; now,
20 therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
22 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby commemorate the 2013
23 Houston Iftar and extend to all those in attendance sincere best
24 wishes for a meaningful observance; and, be it further

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1 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
2 prepared for the organizers of the Houston Iftar as an expression of
3 high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.