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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Ramadan, the ninth month of the year in the Islamic
2 calendar, is a time when Muslims in Texas and around the world
3 reinforce their spiritual beliefs by fasting, worshipping, reading
4 the Quran, practicing self-discipline, and helping the less
5 fortunate; and

6 WHEREAS, Texas is home to more than 400,000 Muslims who
7 contribute in numerous ways to the economic, cultural, and social
8 fabric of our great state; Ramadan is a profoundly important and
9 meaningful time for members of this vibrant community, and the
10 customs that accompany Ramadan are emblematic of the rich and
11 diverse traditions that define Muslim cultures; and

12 WHEREAS, During Ramadan, Muslims abstain from food and drink
13 from sunrise until sunset in an effort to deepen their faith and to
14 better understand the plight of the poor and hungry; Muslims break
15 their daily fasts by sharing meals with family and friends, and the
16 end of Ramadan is celebrated with a three-day festival known as Eid
17 al-Fitr; this year, Ramadan is expected to begin on April 12, with
18 the sighting of the crescent moon, and continue until the evening of
19 May 12, 2021; and

20 WHEREAS, While focusing on their spiritual growth during
21 Ramadan, Muslims affirm their commitment to working toward the
22 collective good of society and the well-being of people from all
23 walks of life, and it is indeed fitting to acknowledge the
24 significance of this special occasion to people of the Muslim faith

1 who call Texas home; now, therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
3 Legislature hereby recognize the holy month of Ramadan 2021 and
4 extend to Muslims across the State of Texas sincere best wishes for
5 a joyous and meaningful observance of Eid al-Fitr.