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RESOLUTION

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 from sunrise until sunset in an effort to deepen their faith and to 13 14 better understand the plight of the poor and hungry; Muslims break their daily fasts by sharing meals with family and friends, and the 15 16 end of Ramadan is marked by the celebration known as Eid al-Fitr; this year, Ramadan is expected to begin during the week of April 11, 17 depending upon the sighting of the crescent moon, and to continue 18 until the week of May 9; and 19

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

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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.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 454 was adopted by the House on April 1, 2021, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House