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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The ninth month of the Islamic calendar year,
2 Ramadan is a time when Muslims reinforce their spiritual beliefs by
3 fasting, worshipping, reading the Quran, practicing
4 self-discipline, and helping the less fortunate; in 2023, Ramadan
5 is beginning on March 22 with the expected appearance of the
6 crescent moon and lasts for the remainder of the lunar month; and

7 WHEREAS, During Ramadan, Muslims abstain from food and drink
8 from sunrise until sunset in an effort to deepen their faith and to
9 better understand the plight of the poor and hungry; Muslims break
10 their daily fasts by sharing meals, known as iftars, with family and
11 friends; and

12 WHEREAS, Muslims have been a part of the fabric of America
13 since the 1500s, when the first Muslims arrived as slaves with
14 colonial expeditions; today, Islam is one of the world's major
15 religions, with many followers across the United States and around
16 the globe; and

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

23 WHEREAS, The first Iftar dinner at the State Capitol is
24 taking place on March 29, 2023, providing a fitting opportunity to

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1 recognize the observance of Ramadan; now, therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
3 Legislature hereby commemorate the first Iftar dinner at the State
4 Capitol and extend to Muslims across Texas sincere best wishes for a
5 joyous and meaningful observance of Ramadan.