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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Millions of individuals around the world are
2 celebrating Eid al-Fitr in April 2023 to mark the end of Ramadan,
3 participating in traditions that span many centuries; and

4 WHEREAS, The ninth month of the year in the Islamic lunar
5 calendar, Ramadan is a time when Muslims reinforce their spiritual
6 beliefs; they reaffirm their dedication to the collective good and
7 their commitment to work toward the well-being of people from all
8 walks of life; and

9 WHEREAS, Muslims abstain from food and drink from sunrise
10 until sunset, striving to deepen their faith, practice
11 self-discipline, and better understand the plight of the poor and
12 hungry; they break their daily fasts by sharing meals with family
13 and friends; and

14 WHEREAS, After a month of fasting, prayer, and
15 self-reflection, Ramadan concludes with the celebration of Eid
16 al-Fitr, which falls during the first three days of Shawwal, the
17 10th month of the Islamic calendar; in Islamic countries,
18 festivities typically last up to three days, while in the United
19 States, the observance is generally shorter; this year, Eid al-Fitr
20 begins at sunset on April 20 and ends at sunset on April 21; and

21 WHEREAS, Sunrise on the first day of Eid al-Fitr is
22 solemnized with a communal prayer, salat al-eid; the holiday
23 continues with official receptions and private visits, greetings of
24 "Eid Mubarak," and the giving of presents; in addition, it is a time

1 to visit the final resting places of relatives; some volunteer at
2 food pantries or perform other acts of charity in the spirit of Eid;
3 the customs that accompany Ramadan are emblematic of the rich and
4 diverse traditions that define Muslim cultures; and

5 WHEREAS, Texas is home to more than 400,000 Muslims, who
6 contribute in myriad ways to the economic, cultural, and social
7 fabric of our state, and it is indeed fitting to acknowledge the
8 profound importance of Ramadan to the members of this vibrant
9 community as they celebrate with friends, families, and fellow
10 worshippers; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
12 Legislature hereby recognize Eid al-Fitr 2023 and extend to Muslims
13 across the State of Texas sincere best wishes for a joyous and
14 meaningful observance.