

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
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Submitted to the Committee on Culture, Recreation & Tourism  
For HCR 80

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Hearing Date: April 27, 2023 8:00 AM

Brandon Burden, Chairman  
North Texas Conservatives  
Frisco, TX

We do not want the month of May designated as Muslim Heritage month. Please vote NO on this bill!

Pam Brown  
self  
Irving, TX

I oppose a month long recognition for ten years nor any length of time.

Brenda Platt, Mrs  
Wise County Precinct Chair  
Bridgeport, TX

HELLO. I OPPOSE THIS RESOLUTION BECAUSE OF THE ISLAM IDEOLOGY AS OUR USA AND TEXAS ARE BUILT ON CHRISTIAN IDEOLOGIES AND THIS ENABLES THE PLAN TO PUT THE WORLD UNDER SHARIA LAW. WE DON'T WANT TO START THIS PROCESS IN OUR USA.

TGANK YOU,

BRENDA PLATT

Carol Blair

self -- Medical Technologist and Free-lance teacher and proofreader

Gladewater, TX

I strongly object to designating May as Muslim Heritage Month. Many reasons. The history of Islam is 1400 years of one bloodbath after another. Not a pretty history! The Koran says in two places, specifically that Muslims are to "slay infidels [non-Muslims--you and me!] wherever you find them. Strike their necks." (Koran 9:5 and 47:4.) This is why Muslims stab people in the neck all over the world and even behead them. In Islam, women are viewed as inferior to men. The Koran gives permission to men to beat their wives. And they do! Muslims mutilate the private parts of little girls all over the world. If you are not familiar with this practice, google "FGM -- female genital mutilation." There is so much more. I can recommend two websites for much more information: [thereligionofpeace.com](http://thereligionofpeace.com), and [jihadwatch.org](http://jihadwatch.org). Please visit these websites and educate yourselves about this ideological movement hell-bent on taking over the world by any violent means necessary -- masquerading as a religion.

Rebecca Wilson

Self, sales rep

Frisco, TX

I oppose this resolution.

Ellen Leyrer

Self

Plano, TX

I oppose HCR 80. Muslims have freedom of religion in America. No religion should have its own month, especially one that the author teaches hatred and killing of other religions. I encourage you to do your research including this website, [UnderstandingTheThreat.com](http://UnderstandingTheThreat.com). Thank you!

Johnny Wilson

Self, engineer

Frisco, TX

I oppose this resolution.

Karissa Edwards

Self

Frisco, TX

I oppose this resolution.

Renee Llamas

Self

McKinney, TX

I appose this bill. Please vote against this bill! Thank you.

Maria Estevez

Self

The Woodlands, TX

Opposition. I oppose because they want to impose the Sharia Law in all of us.

Laura Proske  
Self-housemaker  
The Woodlands, TX

I OPPOSE, because in the USA there's freedom of religion. With that in mind, there should be a month for every religion and that's not possible, why are you going to discriminate any religion?

Corina Guzman  
None  
Houston, TX

I opposed to this because its good that USA is open to all people from different religions but we cannot change radically our culture to give 10 year month recognition to a culture that is not our.  
The people that came here is the one who have to adapt themselves and learn about this marvelous country and their feast and customs.

Jonathan Edwards  
Self, sales  
Frisco, TX

I oppose this resolution.

Barbara Sundstrom, Mrs  
Self  
Allen, TX

I'm against this bill because we do not celebrate a culture that is against our constitution. I believe this would be a step closer to promoting sharia law which is unconstitutional.

Armando Quireza  
Self Business owner  
The Woodlands, TX

I don't think it is a good idea to proclaim a particular Month to any religion or religious segment.  
Next thing would be all of the religions wanting a designated month.  
Thank you

Don Hartman  
GOP Precinct Chair #2096  
LEWISVILLE, TX

I oppose designating the month of May as Muslim Heritage Month. Islam is not only a religion, it's a political system, desiring Sharia Law to be imposed upon all the world. Sharia-compliant Muslims desire world domination. Saying Islam is a religion is peace is a cover-up. The Koran in Surah 2:191 says "Kill them (non-Muslims) wherever you find them. How else can we explain the many Muslims dancing in the streets in the USA and all over the world after 9-11?

Luz Romero  
Self  
Spring, TX

I do not see the need to have a Muslim Heritage month. We can celebrate international heritage day if anyone wants to celebrate their own heritage.

Eduardo Miranda, Mr.

Self

Spring, TX

I Oppose this law because it's just the start of a plan to put the whole world under sharia law

Jose Ruiz

Self

Tomball, TX

I'm Catholic The May is a month for Maria Virgin

Andrea Schnaas

Self

Tomball, TX

I am catholic

Dianne Young, Ms.

Self

Plano, TX

I strongly disagree with designating May the Muslim Heritage Month. Various cultures, including Muslims can find other ways to celebrate their heritage without designating a month of our calendar to them exclusively. No organization, culture, religion etc has ever asked for or been granted a month on the yearly calendar to honor or celebrate their specific interest or organization. I vote NO and ask the committee to do the same! Concerned citizen.

Cary Cheatham

Mr.

Waco, TX

I oppose HCR80 - do not want any recognition of Muslim Heritage for any day or months or yearly and not for ten years.

Dale Attebery, Mr.

Self

Arlington, TX

The purpose of this bill is to further the influence of Islam inside Texas, a baby step at a time, until Sharia Law is the law of the land.

Are you not listening, how does it go, something like this;

"When the world is controlled by Islam...

and there is no law above Sharia...

Then, there will be peace..."

[then, and only then, will there be peace! Do you have a clue what that means, if not, please re-read above, and think about it.]

Do you also not know what that means to a free people?

And if that is not enough, from their literature, it is acceptable to lie to a Kafir and Kaffar, the unbeliever, (non-muslim), in order to further Islam.

Do you know the definition of the word 'fatwa'...?

How about the word Islam, which means "Submission to Allah" a known pedophile.

It is the exact opposite of the word "freedom" which equals slavery.

It, they, them... are not compatible to our US Constitution, or with the word democracy, or with the concept to hold the principles of natural law of "BORN-FREE"... we will eventually lose all this, if you become weak-kneed and submit.

Hey, all of you, grow a set, and vote like a born-free Texan, to remain free, in accordance with the wording of our State and US Constitution.

Yovanna Medina

Self

The woodlands, TX

I oppose to designating the month of May or any Month as Heritage month to any specific religion. Everybody has the right to worship or not worship and no one has the right to impose their religion onto others for 30 consecutive days. This country celebrates all and everyone and we should not vote , pass , or accept imposing religious/ religions to all for any reasons under the mask of heritage. Muslim believers already celebrate their traditions and rituals according to the religious liberties established by the constitution. They are absolutely free to worship, fellowship etc within the entire Union. It will be an insult and an attack to other religions and people that prefer not to be religious or are atheists.

Pamela' Brennan

Self

Dallas, TX

I am opposed to HCR 80.

I do not want any recognition for Muslim Heritage for any length of time.

Peggy Jeremiah

Self

McKinney, TX

I oppose this legislation as unnecessary and dangerous to those who are not in agreement with this ideology.

Patricia Blair  
self  
Cypress, TX

I oppose HCR 80. I do not want any recognition of Muslim Heritage for any day or months or yearly and not for ten years.

Alan Sundstrom  
Alan C. Sundstrom CPA  
Allen, TX

I oppose this Bill.

Gary Farr  
Self  
Abilene, TX

I oppose HCR 80 as this seemingly innocuous legislation is a vehicle to mainstream Islam and Sharia law in our government which is incompatible with our laws and constitution.

Anne Griffin  
self -- retired teacher  
Red Oak, TX

Please do NOT even give one moment of consideration for adopting the insane practice of designating the month of May as Muslim Heritage Month! This is nothing more than subversion and we do not need to ever bow to any demands of Muslim requests in our great nation of the USA! Muslim teachings clearly hate our way of life, hate everything that we stand for, and have shown propensity to kill and destroy our way of life. We do not owe them and form of recognition in this country! Vote against this disgusting resolution!

Laura Terrell  
Self homemaker  
Sherman, TX

I oppose this bill. Sharia Law is a Muslim goal, and I'm not for killing and maiming people, so why would we want 10 years of celebrating Islam? Please vote NO!

Shirley Farr  
Self - Retired teacher  
Abilene, TX

I oppose HCR 80. I do not want any recognition of Muslim Heritage for any day or months or yearly and not for ten years.

Michelle Travis Travis  
Self  
Frisco, TX

I am 100% against this bill. Sharia law is under our noses as it stands. Have none of you followed the rules Islamamists strictly follow in their own country? Yet you think it's a good idea to embrace it here on American soil. Step up and protect us, protect yourselves, for you are not exempt from their law unless you worship exactly as they do.

Melva Fincher  
Personal  
Sherman, TX

Please oppose the captioned bill.

Mallory Ortiz  
Self/Massage Therapist  
Franklin, TX

I oppose HCR 80. I do not want any recognition of Muslim Heritage for any day or month, and not for ten years!

Pamela Smith  
self  
Fort Worth, TX

Texas is all about diversity, and as a state we respect everyones right to worship as they choose. Equally, we believe that Texas foundation was built upon Christian values and principles. America is a Christian Nation. This bill must NOT stand due to the ideology of Islam. Why can we not celebrate American Heritage Month? Why 10 years? No, Islam wants Sharia Law worldwide.

Maria Schams  
Self/Personal Chef  
Bryan, TX

I oppose HCR 80 - I do not want any recognition of Muslim Heritage for any day or months or yearly and not for ten years.

Ben Schams  
Self/Builder  
Bryan, TX

I oppose HCR 80 - I do not want any recognition of Muslim Heritage for any day or months or yearly and not for ten years.

Mercedes Curutchet  
Self  
Spring, TX

I oppose this resolution because it doesn't represent the heritage of Texas.

Janet Ortiz  
Self / Retired  
Bryan, TX

This bill should not be moved forward! It goes against the 1st Amendment

Carlos Ortiz  
Self / Retired  
Bryan, TX

This bill should not be moved forward! It goes against the 1st Amendment

Laura Magee  
self self employed  
Franklin, TX

I oppose HCR 80. Any recognition of Muslim heritage on any day or month is inappropriate and unwarranted. Many Texans serve in all the capacities listed and accredited to Muslim Texans without being asked for or given a heritage month. Muslim's make up only 1% of Texans. This opens up a problematic precedence. I find this objectionable. Why would you let this designation pass?

Gina Van Dyke

Self

Calvert, TX

I oppose this bill for the duration of 10 years

Lorrie Breed

Self/ retired accountant

Bryan, TX

Please vote No on this bill. It is not wise.

Mariano Curutchet

Self

Spring, TX

I oppose this

Rosann Wiltse, Ms

Self - US Census Bureau Field Representative

Dallas, TX

I oppose designating the month of May as Muslim Heritage month. Anyone who has done their homework and uncovered what Muslim heritage contains, would also oppose HCR 80.

David & Kaysa Alexander

self

College Station, TX

We oppose recognizing May as Muslim Heritage Month because The Republic of Texas was founded on Christian principles by men of faith who often invoked the name of the Lord Jehovah. Praying to and seeking guidance from the Triune God. We carry THIS Heritage forward as citizens of the Sovereign State of Texas. We welcome and support all people of peace but we shall give glory only to the one true and living God. We shall remain true to those principles our founding fathers committed to in the The Declaration of Independence of Texas. Thank you and may God bless you as you work for the good of Texas!

Nancy Kay Dunn

Self - retired

Waxahachie, TX

Please note: I oppose HCR 80 - do not want any recognition of Muslim Heritage for any day or months or yearly and not for ten years.

Carla Trussell, Mrs.

Self-retired

Stephenville, TX

This is just one more intrusion and move toward Muslims establishing Sharia law. Are we going to have a Jewish month and a Catholic month and a Mormon month? Why a Muslim month then?

Donna Cobb

Self

Colleyville, TX

I oppose HCR 80 because our nation was founded on Christian principles, and constitutional law. Muslim Heritage includes Sharia law which cannot coexist with our constitutional form of government.



Francia Vallejo  
Self  
The Woodlands, TX

I oppose this law.

Chris Donofrio  
Self  
The Woodlands, TX

I support HCR 80.  
Please pass it out of committee.

We need to counter the anti-muslim narrative.

This resolution is a good start in doing so.

Respectfully,  
Chris J. Donofrio

Irma Guerra  
Self, retired teacher  
Houston, TX

I respect Moslems but consider that this bill will lead to an imposition of the Sharia Law, with harmful consequences to individuals and our culture.

Caroline Magee  
Self employed  
Franklin, TX

I oppose HCR 80 - I do not want any recognition of a Muslim Heritage month, day, year or otherwise. Islam is an ideology and a foreign power that goes directly against our constitution and founding principles.

Samuel Ortiz  
Self / Flight Medic  
Bryan, TX

I highly disagree with this bill. This would be showing preferential treatment to one specific religion, which goes against the very definition of the 1st Amendment.

There are no Christian, Hindu, Buddhist, Mormon, etc "Appreciation Months", so what's the justification for a month for Islam?

Margaret Whitt  
self retired  
Murphy, TX

I oppose HCR 80. There is already a Muslim day at the capital and that is enough! I do NOT want any recognition of Muslim Heritage for any day or month or yearly and certainly not for ten years! Their "Heritage" is in the Middle East, not the US. Where would you draw the line? Would we get a Christian Heritage month, a Buddhist Heritage Month, a Jewish Heritage month? Where would you stop---maybe you would add canine heritage month, vegetarian heritage month, or any other group that would like its special interest recognized? We don't need to single out this or any other group--they already get their day at the capital as sufficient recognition.

Kate Hancock  
Self/Teacher  
College Station, TX

I oppose HCR 80. Any recognition of Muslim heritage on any day or month is inappropriate, unwarranted, and unnecessary. Many Texans serve in all the capacities listed and accredited to Muslim Texans without asking for or being given a heritage month. Have you considered Muslim's make up only around 1 % of Texans. This opens up a precedence that is problematic. I find this objectionable. Why would you let this designation pass?

Kaysa Alexander, Mrs  
Self  
College Station, TX

Designating even one day for Muslim Heritage is unnecessary & would be a forced error. To my knowledge, no Muslim has even requested this. Furthermore, I see no benefit to the citizens of Texas. The Koran clearly states that the infidel (Christians) are to be killed, similarly to the cries in their own streets of "death to America!" Honoring this nonsense in any way is in line with the Leftist highly destructive false doctrine of DEI. I strenuously object to spending one more minute on this nonsense, which adds nothing to Texans quality of life!

Katya Quireza  
Self  
The Woodlands, TX

I don't agree. I am Catholic. Everyone can worship as they like but don't impose this on everyone. You are taking away Christian identity. We can't even say Merry Christmas anymore. All because we stay quiet and don't want conflict verlo this ends here!

PHIL BROWN  
SELF  
Irving, TX

There are no good reasons to support HCR 80. It does not benefit the citizens of Texas as a whole. Therefore, I OPPOSE HCR 80.

Ana Quireza  
Self , teacher  
Houston, TX

I am opposed to designating any month as Muslim Heritage month. The Muslim ideology does not align with the American values of life, liberty, and pursuit of happiness. Although I respect all people and their dignity, that does not mean we need to actively celebrate what they stand for.

James Smith  
self  
Stephenville, TX

No, this country and the state of Texas was founded, fought for by God fearing Christians, not some idol worshiping god that wants to eliminate all infidels. (people who are not muslim). I do NOT believe this will turn out good for the state or country.

Barbara Shadden  
Self  
Stephenville, TX

I oppose this bill. I would also oppose designating May as Methodist month. Baptist month, or Church or Christ month. Surely the legislature has legitimate business to attend to. This isn't it.

Ronald Dubner

Self

Plano, TX

I oppose the passage of H.C.R. No. 80 for the following reasons:

1. My opposition is not based on “Islamophobia”. A phobia is defined as an “extreme or irrational fear or dislike of a specified thing or group”.
2. My statement is based on a rational analysis of facts about Islam. The practice of Islam can be divided into two “realms”: (i) How to worship Islam’s God, Allah; and (ii) “Political Islam” which clearly mandates Muslims to spread Islam throughout the world until the entire world follows Allah’s law, Sharia. The effort to spread Islam is known as “Jihad” which can be peaceful or violent.
3. Sharia is Allah’s law, i.e., God’s law. If you study Sharia, you will see it is incompatible with our Constitution. I regret that time does not permit me to go into detail as to why Sharia shreds the rights guaranteed under the Constitution.
4. There was a trial in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas,, Dallas Division which is commonly known as the Holy Land Foundation Trial (“HLF Trial”). The case was the prosecution of the Foundation and its leadership for supporting a foreign terrorist organization, Hamas by sending it \$10 million.
5. In the trial, the United States produced a great amount of disturbing evidence that established that there was an “Islamic Movement” within the United States, led by the Muslim Brotherhood. The objective of Muslim Brotherhood in the U.S. is to wage “Civilization Jihad” to destroy America from within. The object is to make America a Muslim nation under Sharia.
6. Many of the prominent Muslim organizations are Muslim Brotherhood organizations which by their affiliation are dedicated to Civilization Jihad. At least 29 organizations have been identified as affiliated with the Muslim Brotherhood. Some of those organizations are Islamic Society of North America (ISNA), Muslim Students’ Association (MSA), North American Islamic Trust (NAIT), Islamic Circle of North America (ICNA) and the International Institute of Islamic Thought (IIIT).
7. Islam is based on the teachings of the Koran, the Sira (essentially the biography of Allah’s Prophet, Muhammed) and the Hadith (the description of the acts and deeds of Muhammed). One must understand how the current Islam is not peaceful and tolerant of non-Muslims, who often referred to as “Infidels” but more appropriately called “Kafirs”.
8. The history of Islam is filled with war on the Kafirs and the efforts to impose Islam on the world. Please recall the importance of the Battle of Tours in 732 A.D. which prevented the spread of Islam into Europe and then the battle of the Gates of Vienna in 1683 (the Battle was won on (9-11-1683). 9-11, is that date familiar?
9. Look at what is happening in Minneapolis, Dearborn Michigan, France, England and generally in Europe.
10. The fact is that Islam is a threat to our way of life and Western Culture. We should not recognize Islam as suggested in H.C.P No. 80.

Thank you

Diann Russell

None

Bluff Dale, TX

I do not want a Muslim Heritage acknowledgment day or month in Texas or America. The celebrations and accommodations in schools and public places to observe such a “heritage month” that will follow will eventually lead to changing our laws. Do not allow this Designation!!

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Hearing Date: April 27, 2023 8:00 AM

Jim Chapman, Retired

Retired

LUBBOCK, TX

My comment is the same as the one registered for HCR 29. I am appalled at the blatant religious discrimination of recognizing the Christian Heritage of Texas for one week and the Muslim Heritage of Texas for one month especially considering the respective demographics of these faiths. This can easily be remedied by recognizing the two faiths for the same time i.e. 1 week 1 month, 2 weeks etc. The removes the sour specter of discrimination and favoritism while preserving the laudable goal of recognition of the importance of faith in Texas Society and Culture.