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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Members of the Muslim community from throughout the  
2 state are gathering in Austin on April 29, 2025, to celebrate the  
3 21st Texas Muslim Capitol Day; and

4 WHEREAS, Texans made history in 2022 with the election of the  
5 first two Muslim Americans to the Texas House of Representatives,  
6 Rep. Suleman Lalani, M.D. (HD 76) and Rep. Salman Bhojani (HD 92);  
7 and

8 WHEREAS, The Muslim community is one of the fastest-growing  
9 communities in Texas, with almost 500,000 residents who identify as  
10 Muslim, constituting 1.7 percent of the state's population; and

11 WHEREAS, Muslims in America are one of the most racially  
12 diverse communities; and

13 WHEREAS, The Muslim community pioneered mathematical  
14 concepts such as algebra, the creation of zero, the modern-day  
15 decimal point system, calculus, and the concept of raising a number  
16 to a power; moreover, the Muslim community developed numerous  
17 advancements in astronomy, geography, and medicine; in the 11th  
18 century, Muslim doctors invented hundreds of surgical tools; and

19 WHEREAS, The unwavering dedication of the leaders from the  
20 Islamic community in the State of Texas has served as an impetus for  
21 a more equal and altruistic population; Muslims have held public  
22 office in Texas from the local level, such as city council members  
23 and judges, all the way up to state representatives; and

24 WHEREAS, By bringing their perspectives to the legislative

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1 forum, members of the Muslim community are contributing to the  
2 dialogue on policy issues and helping to work toward a brighter  
3 future for all residents of the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be  
4 it

5         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas  
6 Legislature hereby recognize April 29, 2025, as Texas Muslim  
7 Capitol Day and extend to all those participating sincere best  
8 wishes for an enjoyable and memorable visit to Austin.