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R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, The ninth month of the Islamic calendar year, Ramadan is a time when Muslims reinforce their spiritual beliefs by fasting, worshipping, reading the Quran, practicing self-discipline, and helping the less fortunate; in 2027, Ramadan is beginning on the evening of February 7 with the expected appearance of the crescent moon and lasts for the remainder of the lunar month; and

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

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

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

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 90th Texas

Legislature hereby recognize the holy month of Ramadan 2027 and extend to Muslims across the Lone Star State sincere best wishes for a joyous and meaningful observance.