

Reps. Hammoud, Camilleri, Brinks, Chang, Chirkun, Clemente, Cochran, Elder, Ellison, Faris, Gay-Dagnogo, Geiss, Green, Greig, Hoadley, Kelly, Kosowski, Liberati, Moss, Pagan, Sabo, Singh, Sneller, Sowerby, Wittenberg and Zemke offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 335.

A resolution to extend best wishes to Muslims in Michigan, the United States, and worldwide, for a joyous and meaningful observance of Ramadan, a holy month of prayer, fasting, charity, and reflection.

Whereas, This occasion is observed in commitment to the Islamic principles and in remembrance of the month in which the Holy Quran was revealed to Prophet Muhammad (pbuh); and

Whereas, This month of sacrifice and contemplation begins on or about the evening of Tuesday, May 15, 2018, based on the visual sightings of the crescent moon. Ramadan continues until on or about the evening of Thursday, June 14, 2018, with Eid al-Fitr, the celebration of the completion of the month; and

Whereas, Muslims in Michigan, our nation, and around the world will observe Ramadan by fasting, emphasizing self-discipline, worship, charity, and reading the Holy Quran to improve patience, humility, and spirituality; and

Whereas, Muslims in Michigan will put their faith into action by organizing the Ramadan Fight Against Hunger to collect and distribute several tons of food to the state's hungry and disadvantaged and by volunteering with various humanitarian organizations to give back to our beloved community; and

Whereas, During Ramadan, Muslims spend this period in reflection and prayer while strengthening the bonds of family, friendship, and community. Ramadan is considered the most sacred month of the Islamic calendar; and

Whereas, The Muslim population has been growing in the United States and today's Muslim American population is a tapestry of ethnic, racial, linguistic, social, and economic groups; and

Whereas, One of the largest populations of Muslims in the United States resides in southeast Michigan and makes meaningful contributions to our state; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body extend best wishes to Muslims in Michigan, the United States, and worldwide, for a joyous and meaningful observance of Ramadan, a holy month of prayer, fasting, charity, and reflection.