

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 60

Reps. Hammoud, Greig, Camilleri, Clemente, Rabhi, Bolden, Koleszar, Pohutsky, Cherry, Robinson, Kuppa, Marino, Mueller, Garza, Liberati, Peterson, Neeley, Sneller, Bellino, Hertel, Hope, Wittenberg, Manoogian, Anthony, Tate and Jones offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare April 2019 as Arab-American Heritage
2 Month in the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, At least 200,000 Arab-Americans reside in the state
4 of Michigan; and

5 Whereas, Michigan is home to the highest concentration of
6 Arab-Americans in the United States; and

7 Whereas, Arab-Americans have been an integral part of the
8 state of Michigan since their migration to the United States in the
9 early 1900's in search for a destination that will better provide



1 political, economic and religious freedom; and

2 Whereas, Since migrating to the United States, men and women
3 of Arab descent have shared their rich culture and traditions with
4 neighbors and friends, while also setting fine examples of model
5 citizens and public servants; and

6 Whereas, The economic capabilities and political involvement
7 on all levels of government are a testament to the power of the
8 Arab-American community; and

9 Whereas, Arab migrants to the United States brought with them
10 their resilient family values, strong work ethic, dedication to
11 education, and diversity in faith and creed that have added
12 strength to our great democracy; and

13 Whereas, The vast contributions of the Arab-American community
14 in the fields of academia, business, medicine, science and social
15 justice continue to make our state a better place to live; and

16 Whereas, The working class population of this community has
17 played a pivotal role in the establishment of industrial force that
18 our state is known for today; and

19 Whereas, Arab Americans join all Americans in the desire to
20 see a peaceful and diverse society, where every individual is
21 treated equally and feels safe; now, therefore, be it

22 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
23 this legislative body declare April 2019 as Arab-American Heritage
24 Month in the state of Michigan.