

HOUSE BILL No. 4153

January 26, 2011, Introduced by Reps. Tlaib, Slavens, Geiss, Darany, Lindberg, Brown, Durhal, Santana, LeBlanc, Hammel, Melton, Segal, Townsend, Switalski, Constan, Oakes, Hovey-Wright, Olumba, Roy Schmidt, Lyons, Cavanagh, Lipton, Barnett, Bledsoe, Haugh, Dillon, Stanley, Stallworth, Hobbs, Ananich, Bauer, Liss, Heise, Haveman, Moss, Wayne Schmidt, Walsh, Talabi, Stapleton, Kandrevas, Jackson and Nathan and referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

A bill to designate the month of April of each year as Arab-American Heritage Month in the state of Michigan.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1. (1) The legislature recognizes the contributions that
2 the Arab-American community of Michigan has made throughout the
3 entire state. Since the early 1900s, several different populations
4 and groups from Arab countries have migrated and flourished in this
5 state. Michigan is home to the highest concentration of Arab-
6 Americans in the United States. The Arab-American community of
7 southeastern Michigan is known for its diversity, institutional
8 leadership, and cultural outreach and is widely considered a center
9 of Arab-American culture in the United States.

10 (2) In recognition of the contributions that the Arab-American
11 community of Michigan has made, the legislature declares that the

1 month of April of each year shall be known as "Arab-American
2 Heritage Month".