

Reps. Hammoud, Brinks, Camilleri, Chang, Chirkun, Cochran, Elder, Ellison, Faris, Green, Greig, Jones, Kelly, Maturen, Moss, Pagan, Rabhi, Sabo, Schor, Sneller, Sowerby, Wittenberg, Yanez and Zemke offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 111.

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 Friday, May 26, 2017, based on the visual sightings of the crescent moon. Ramadan continues until on or about the evening of Sunday, June 25, 2017, 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 over 60 tons of food to the state's hungry and disadvantaged; and

Whereas, During Ramadan, Muslims spend this period in reflection and prayer while strengthening the bonds of family, friendship, and community. May 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.