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H. RES. 812

Recognizing the commencement of Ramadan, the Islamic holy month of fasting and spiritual renewal, and commending Muslims in the United States and throughout the world for their faith.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas (for herself, Mr. MEEKS of New York, Mrs. JONES of Ohio, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Mr. LANTOS, Mr. CONYERS, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Ms. LEE, Mr. SCOTT of Georgia, Mr. HONDA, and Mr. BURTON of Indiana) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

RESOLUTION

Recognizing the commencement of Ramadan, the Islamic holy month of fasting and spiritual renewal, and commending Muslims in the United States and throughout the world for their faith.

Whereas since the terrorist attacks on the United States on September 11, 2001, threats and incidents of violence have been directed at law-abiding, patriotic Americans of African, Arab, and South Asian descent, particularly members of the Islamic faith; ×

Whereas on September 14, 2001, the House of Representatives passed a concurrent resolution condemning bigotry and violence against Arab-Americans, American Muslims,

and Americans from South Asia in the wake of the terrorist attacks in New York, New York, and Washington, D.C.; ×

Whereas it is estimated that there are approximately 1,500,000,000 Muslims worldwide; ×

Whereas Ramadan is the holy month of fasting and spiritual renewal for Muslims worldwide, and is the 9th month of the Muslim calendar year; and ×

Whereas the observance of the Islamic holy month of Ramadan commences at dusk on October 15, 2004, and continues for one lunar month: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That it is the sense of the House of Representatives that—

(1) during this time of conflict, in order to demonstrate solidarity with and support for members of the community of Islam in the United States and throughout the world, the House of Representatives recognizes the Islamic faith as one of the great religions of the world; and

(2) in observance of and out of respect for the commencement of Ramadan, the Islamic holy month of fasting and spiritual renewal, the House of Representatives commends Muslims in the United States and throughout the world for their faith.

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