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# H. RES. 544

Recognizing Islam as one of the great religions of the world.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 30, 2019

Mr. GREEN of Texas (for himself, Mr. CARSON of Indiana, Ms. TLAIB, and Ms. OMAR) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

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## RESOLUTION

Recognizing Islam as one of the great religions of the world.

Whereas the word “Islam” means “submission to the will of God” and “peace”;

Whereas the primary scripture of Islam is the Quran;

Whereas Muslims consider the Quran in its original Arabic to be the book of divine guidance;

Whereas, although its roots go back further, scholars typically date the revelation of Islam to the seventh century;

Whereas Islam is the second largest religion in the world after Christianity;

Whereas Islam is the fastest growing religion of the world;

Whereas it is estimated that there are approximately 1,800,000,000 Muslims worldwide;

Whereas Islam contains in itself the essential principles of all earlier religions;

Whereas Islam is a strongly monotheistic religion with the worship of one God as its central theme;

Whereas Islam is a complete system of strong moral convictions that promote peace, equality, and social justice;

Whereas Islam encourages service to humanity;

Whereas Islam teaches abstaining from worldly desires in favor of spiritual achievements;

Whereas Islam instills a genuine love of God;

Whereas the fundamental Muslim practices are known as the Five Pillars of Islam;

Whereas the five pillars are shahadah (declaration of faith), salat (daily prayers), zakat (giving of alms), sawm (fasting in Ramadan), and Hajj (pilgrimage to Mecca);

Whereas the five daily prayers remove any barriers between believers praying in congregations and helps one refrain from committing sins;

Whereas the obligatory charity purifies a person from selfishness and encourages empathy to the poor;

Whereas fasting in Ramadan promotes self-restraint and spiritual renewal for Muslims worldwide;

Whereas the pilgrimage to Mecca serves as a unifying force in Islam by bringing followers of diverse background together in religious celebration;

Whereas Muslims consider Islam to be a way of life; and

Whereas carrying out these obligations provides the framework of a Muslim's life, and weaves their everyday activi-

ties and their beliefs into a single cloth of religious devotion: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That in order to demonstrate solidarity with  
2 and support for members of the community of Islam in  
3 the United States and throughout the world, the House  
4 of Representatives recognizes the Islamic faith as one of  
5 the great religions of the world.

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