

Reps. Darany, Plawecki, Chang, Cochran, Driskell, Faris, Greig, LaVoy, Liberati, Love, Singh and Wittenberg offered the following resolution:

**House Resolution No. 304.**

A resolution to offer best wishes to Muslims in Michigan and worldwide, a joyous and meaningful observance of Ramadan, a holy month of reflection and prayer.

Whereas, There are about 1.6 billion Muslims in the world, which equates to roughly 23 percent of the global population. Muslims are the fastest-growing religious group in the world and are one of the largest and most productive populations residing in Southeast Michigan; and

Whereas, The month of Ramadan is observed in dedication to the Islamic principles and in commemoration of the month in which the holy Quran was revealed to prophet Muhammad; and

Whereas, Muslims around the world will observe Ramadan by fasting, emphasizing self-discipline, worshipping, and reading the holy Quran in order to focus on values such as patience, humility, and spirituality. For 30 days, followers of Islam pray and refrain from eating, drinking, smoking, cursing, and impure thoughts; and

Whereas, Fasting and praying during Ramadan is meant to purify the body and spirit and bring the faith closer to God. During this month Muslims spend this time in reflection and prayer, while strengthening the bonds of family and friendship; and

Whereas, This month of sacrifice and contemplation begins on or about the evening of Sunday, June 5, and continues until on or about the evening of Tuesday, July 5, with Eid al-Fitr. Eid al-Fitr is the feast of fast-breaking and the celebration of Prophet Abraham's sacrifice that embraces special prayers and meals; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body offer best wishes to Muslims in Michigan and worldwide, a joyous and meaningful observance of Ramadan, a holy month of reflection and prayer. We celebrate Eid al-Fitr, when we convey to our Muslim friends and neighbors Eid Mubarak!