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## House Resolution

A resolution recognizing May 2025 as "Muslim-American Heritage Month" in Florida and celebrating the heritage and culture of Muslim Americans in this state.

WHEREAS, Muslim immigration to the American colonies began with the arrival of indentured workers in the early years of this country's founding, and

WHEREAS, between the 16th and 19th centuries, many enslaved Africans brought to the United States were Muslim, contributing to the early presence of Islam in America, and

WHEREAS, in the 19th, 20th, and 21st centuries, successive waves of Muslim immigrants came to the United States seeking economic, social, and religious freedom, enriching communities throughout this state and nation across diverse fields, including business, medicine, education, law, and the arts, and

WHEREAS, Muslim Americans contribute greatly to charitable organizations in Florida and across the nation, offering aid to people of all faiths through humanitarian work, such as medical services, educational programs, food distribution, refugee services, and disaster relief, and

WHEREAS, Muslim Americans have made significant advancements in numerous fields, including architecture, arts, business, medicine, law, sports, and government, enhancing the

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26 | quality of life and cultural diversity in this state and the  
27 | United States, and

28 |       WHEREAS, prominent Floridian Muslim Americans such as  
29 | Shahid Khan, a Pakistani-American businessman and owner of the  
30 | Jacksonville Jaguars, and Alli A.B. Majeed, Brevard County's  
31 | longest serving county judge, exemplify the profound impact  
32 | Muslim Americans have had on Florida's economy and legal system,  
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34 |       WHEREAS, Muslim Americans, such as Christopher Benjamin,  
35 | the first Muslim American elected to the Florida House of  
36 | Representatives, have shown leadership in public service, and

37 |       WHEREAS, Muslim Americans have served honorably in the  
38 | United States Armed Forces, contributing to the defense and  
39 | protection of the United States in every major conflict,  
40 | including Captain Humayun Khan, a Muslim American who made the  
41 | ultimate sacrifice in Iraq in 2004, and

42 |       WHEREAS, the Muslim-American community in Florida is  
43 | composed of individuals from more than 85 countries,  
44 | representing a wide array of ethnicities, cultures, and  
45 | languages, adding to the state's vibrant multicultural  
46 | landscape, and

47 |       WHEREAS, the Muslim-American community faces challenges,  
48 | including discrimination and misunderstanding, yet it continues  
49 | to thrive and contribute to the progress of this state and the  
50 | United States, NOW, THEREFORE,

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52 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of  
53 Florida:

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55       That May 2025 is recognized as "Muslim-American Heritage  
56 Month" in Florida to celebrate the heritage and culture of  
57 Muslim Americans in this state.