

Reps. Darany, Tlaib, Constan, Meadows, Cavanagh, Lindberg, Barnett, Heise, Knollenberg, Liss, Roy Schmidt, Slavens, Switalski and Talabi offered the following resolution:

**House Resolution No. 293.**

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

Whereas, There are approximately 1.6 billion Muslims worldwide, which is more than 23 percent of the world's population. One of the largest and most productive populations resides in southeast Michigan and observes the holy month of Ramadan; and

Whereas, This month 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, worship, and reading the holy Quran to improve patience, humility, and spirituality; and

Whereas, 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 Thursday, July 19, 2012, and continues until on or about the evening of Saturday, August 18, 2012, with Eid al-Fitr, the celebration of prophet Abraham's sacrifice; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body offer best wishes to Muslims in Michigan and worldwide on the joyous and meaningful observance of Ramadan, a month of reflection and prayer.