

Rep. Darany offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 99.

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

Whereas, This occasion is observed in commitment to the Islamic principles and in remembrance of the month in which the holy Quran was revealed to prophet Muhammad; and

Whereas, This month of sacrifice and contemplation begins on or about the evening of Wednesday, June 17, 2015, based on the visual sightings of the crescent moon. Ramadan continues until on or about the evening of Saturday, July 17, 2015, with Eid al-Fitr, the celebration of Prophet Abraham's sacrifice; and

Whereas, Muslims in Michigan and around the world will observe Ramadan by fasting, emphasizing self-discipline, worship, and reading the holy Quran to improve patience, humility, modesty, and spirituality; and

Whereas, During Ramadan, Muslims spend this period in reflection and prayer while strengthening the bonds of family, friendship, and community. The month is considered to be the most sacred month of the Islamic calendar; and

Whereas, The Muslim population has been growing in the United States and today's Muslim American population is a tapestry of ethnic, linguist, social, and economic groups ranging from orthodox to moderate to secular; and

Whereas, Many Muslims have settled in major metropolitan areas and estimates vary widely as to the number of Muslims in the United States. What is certain is that one of the largest and most productive populations of Muslims in the United States resides in southeast Michigan; now, therefore, be it

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