

House Resolution 1488

By: Representative Marin of the 96<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending ICNA Relief; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, ICNA Relief is the nation's only Muslim disaster relief organization; and
- 3 WHEREAS, since 2001, the organization has responded to 34 disasters, including hurricanes  
4 Katrina and Sandy, and has a network of 13 women's shelters across the country that  
5 annually house hundreds of homeless women regardless of race or religion; and
- 6 WHEREAS, ICNA Relief also has 14 food pantries in major cities throughout the country,  
7 annually feeds approximately 80,000 individuals through its hunger prevention program; has  
8 paid \$116,679.00 in rent via its financial assistance program for families facing eviction; and  
9 in 2014, distributed 23,825 book bags with school supplies to students through its Back 2  
10 School Giveaway; and
- 11 WHEREAS, in Georgia, ICNA Relief has a food pantry; has opened a women's shelter in  
12 Atlanta, where women can live, meet with case managers to resolve domestic disputes, and  
13 receive job training to promote self-sufficiency; provides food to the homeless every Sunday  
14 in downtown Atlanta; provides financial assistance to low-income families; has established  
15 a free weekend school for refugee children from Burma and Darfur to study math and  
16 English; holds ESL classes for female immigrants; and is one of four ICNA Relief chapters  
17 offering free volunteer medical services at the Shifa Clinic, staffed with qualified doctors  
18 who volunteer to treat uninsured Americans for free; and
- 19 WHEREAS, ICNA Relief's accreditation by the Better Business Bureau and gold star rating  
20 from GuideStar shows its commitment to transparency and honest, hard work.
- 21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
22 the members of this body recognize and commend ICNA Relief for the selfless work it does  
23 in Georgia and throughout the United States, and wish it continued success.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
25 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to ICNA  
26 Relief.