

## House Resolution 472

By: Representatives Thomas of the 39<sup>th</sup>, Cannon of the 58<sup>th</sup>, Shannon of the 84<sup>th</sup>, Park of the 101<sup>st</sup>, Lopez of the 99<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the 40 Influential Georgia American Muslims; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, many contributions have been made by influential Georgia American Muslims  
3 who have furthered the development of this state and nation; for over a century, the  
4 American Muslim community has made significant accomplishments in the State of Georgia  
5 and the United States; and

6 WHEREAS, the 40 Influential Georgia American Muslims is an initiative of the Islamic  
7 Speakers Bureau of Atlanta; they are men and women "Continuing the Legacy; Changing the  
8 Narrative" with their work, vision, compassion, dedication, and commitments to their  
9 communities; they are continuing the legacy of their forefathers who contributed to the  
10 advancement of human civilization while at the same time providing many narratives to  
11 today's conversation about Islam and Muslims; and

12 WHEREAS, the Islamic Speakers Bureau of Atlanta envisions a world in which people of  
13 diverse backgrounds are understood and respected and their contributions valued and in  
14 which American Muslim communities play a vital role in promoting values of inclusion and  
15 coexistence; and

16 WHEREAS, this year, Georgians join with influential Georgia American Muslims  
17 throughout this state to celebrate the legacy of influential Georgia American Muslims and  
18 highlight the past and present contributions to Georgia and the United States; as part of the  
19 American cultural and religious tapestry, Georgia American Muslim ancestry shares an  
20 appreciation for freedom and peace based on a common respect for human dignity,  
21 prosperity, and democracy; and

22 WHEREAS, with diligence, fortitude, and an enduring belief in the American dream,  
23 influential Georgia American Muslims are playing a public role in promoting freedom and  
24 democracy; and

25 WHEREAS, Georgia American Muslims have become an integral part of American society  
26 and have made important contributions as Georgians in the fields of finance, technology, law,  
27 business, politics, medicine, education, sports, media, the arts, the military, and the  
28 government, as well as other areas; and

29 WHEREAS, as the Georgia American Muslims prepare for a new era and create new history,  
30 American Muslims commit to the appreciation of the courage and values of their forefathers,  
31 a deep sense of their roots, and pride in their own heritage so that they may better contribute  
32 to the great State of Georgia, rich with religious, ethnic, and cultural diversity.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
34 the members of this body commend the 40 Influential Georgia American Muslims for their  
35 contributions to the welfare of the State of Georgia.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
37 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the 40  
38 Influential Georgia American Muslims.