

House Resolution 435

By: Representatives Evans of the 83rd, Oliver of the 82nd, McLeod of the 105th, Clark of the 108th, Lim of the 99th, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing April 2021 as National Arab American Heritage Month; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, for more than a century, Arab Americans have been making valuable
3 contributions to virtually every aspect of American society, including medicine, law,
4 business, education, technology, government, military service, and culture; and
- 5 WHEREAS, since migrating to America, men and women of Arab descent have shared their
6 rich culture and traditions with neighbors and friends while also setting fine examples of
7 model citizens and public servants; and
- 8 WHEREAS, they brought with them to America their resilient family values, strong work
9 ethic, dedication to education, and diversity in faith and creed that have added strength to our
10 great democracy; and
- 11 WHEREAS, Arab Americans have also enriched our society by sharing in the
12 entrepreneurial American spirit that makes our nation free and prosperous; and
- 13 WHEREAS, the history of Arab Americans in the United States remains neglected or
14 defaced by misconceptions, bigotry, and anti-Arab hate in the forms of crime and speech; and

15 WHEREAS, Arab American issues, such as civil rights abuses, harmful stereotyping, and
16 bullying, must be combated through education and awareness; and

17 WHEREAS, they join all Americans in the desire to see a peaceful and diverse society,
18 where every individual is treated equally and feels safe; and

19 WHEREAS, the incredible contributions and heritage of Arab Americans have helped us
20 build a better nation.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
22 the members of this body join the Arab America Foundation in celebrating the contributions
23 Arab Americans have made to society by recognizing April 2021 as National Arab American
24 Heritage Month in the great State of Georgia and encouraging our citizens to join in this
25 special observance.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
27 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
28 Arab America Foundation, the public, and the press.