

Senate Resolution 425

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the Islamic holy month of Ramadan, commencing a month of fasting and
2 spiritual renewal, and extending best wishes to all in Georgia and around the world for a
3 joyous and meaningful observance of Eid al-Fitr; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, Ramadan is the holy month when Muslims worldwide fast not only to renew
5 themselves spiritually but also to recognize their responsibility and obligations to the society
6 at large as well as to take care of the needy and underprivileged regardless of their religious
7 or racial background; and

8 WHEREAS, Muslims in Georgia and around the world observe Ramadan by fasting,
9 emphasizing self-discipline, worshipping, helping humanity and all living beings, and
10 reading the Holy Quran to improve patience, humility, and spirituality; and

11 WHEREAS, Ramadan is the ninth month in the Islamic calendar, a significant holy month
12 in the Islamic faith, and a month of sacrifice; contemplation of Ramadan begins on the
13 evening of March 23, 2023, based on the visual sightings of the crescent moon; and

14 WHEREAS, Ramadan will continue until May, when it ends with the sighting of the new
15 moon and the celebration of Eid al-Fitr, signifying an end to the month of fasting; and

16 WHEREAS, it is estimated that there are approximately 1.8 billion Muslims worldwide; and

17 WHEREAS, it is estimated that there are 3.5 million American Muslims and over 100,000
18 Georgian Muslims; and

19 WHEREAS, the Muslim population has been growing in Georgia, and today's Georgian
20 Muslim population is a tapestry of ethnic, racial, linguistic, social, and economic groups; and

21 WHEREAS, Georgian Muslims have contributed to every part of society to make
22 advancements in medicine, science, engineering, economics, sports, education, military, and
23 the law.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body,
25 in support of Muslims throughout Georgia and the United States, recognize the Islamic holy
26 month of Ramadan and extend best wishes to all in Georgia and across the world for a joyous
27 and meaningful observance of Eid al-Fitr.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
29 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the public and the
30 press.