

House Resolution 259

By: Representatives Kennard of the 102nd, Marin of the 96th, Mitchell of the 106th, Hutchinson of the 107th, Nguyen of the 89th, and others

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 under privileged 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 Monday, April 12, 2021, based on the visual sightings of the crescent moon; and

14 WHEREAS, Ramadan will continue until the evening of Wednesday, May 12, 2021, with
15 the celebration of Eid al-Fitr; and

16 WHEREAS, Eid al-Fitr begins each year with the sighting of the new moon, signifying a
17 month-long end to fasting and reflection for all; and

18 WHEREAS, it is estimated that there are approximately 1.9 billion Muslims worldwide; and

19 WHEREAS, it is estimated that there are 3.5 million American Muslims and 200,000
20 Georgian Muslims; and

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

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

26 WHEREAS, the observance of the Muslim holy month of Ramadan has concluded with Eid
27 al-Fitr, a three day celebration.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
29 the members of this body, in support of Muslims throughout Georgia and the United States,
30 recognize the Islamic holy month of Ramadan and extend best wishes to all in Georgia and
31 across the world for a joyous and meaningful observance of Eid al-Fitr.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
33 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
34 public and the press.