



A Resolution

BY

SENATOR ARONOFF

*Recognizing the Muslim holidays
of Eid-ul-Fitr and Eid-ul-Adha.*

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 121st General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to extend special recognition to the Islamic Council of Ohio on the occasion of the celebration of Eid-ul-Fitr and Eid-ul-Adha; and

WHEREAS, With more than 100,000 Muslims in Ohio and 5.5 million in America, the Muslim community is a growing segment of the population and includes a wide variety of ethnic backgrounds and national origins. Muslims are active in all walks of life and are productive members of society, contributing much to the general welfare of their communities; and

WHEREAS, Each year, Muslims celebrate two major holidays, Eid-ul-Fitr and Eid-ul-Adha, and observe them on the tenth and twelfth months, respectively, of the Islamic lunar calendar. Eid-ul-Fitr marks the end of the month-long fast of Ramadan with communal prayers and a multicultural dinner and bazaar, and Muslims exchange social visits and share their happiness with the poor and needy to strengthen the bonds of community brotherhood. During Eid-ul-Adha, or the Festival of Sacrifice, Muslims sacrifice certain animals and share the meat with the poor and needy in memory of the prophet Abraham, who devoted his life to the worship of one God and who was prepared to sacrifice his son on God's order; and

WHEREAS, Since its founding in 1985, the Islamic Council of Ohio has achieved a praiseworthy record of service to Ohio's Muslim communities, and it is to be commended for its dedicated efforts. Among its many endeavors, the ICO not only enhances communication among these communities and provides support, but it also seeks to educate Muslims and non-Muslims alike about Islam and its people and cultural traditions. We are certain that as this worthy nonprofit organization maintains its commitment to service, it will continue in the tradition of excellence which has long been the hallmark of the council, and the ICO is truly deserving of high praise; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 121st General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, recognize the Islamic Council of Ohio on the celebration of Eid-ul-Fitr and Eid-ul-Adha and salute the council as one of Ohio's finest ethnic organizations; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit a duly authenticated copy of this Resolution to the Islamic Council of Ohio.

I, Martha L. Butler, hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of Senate Resolution No. 221, adopted by the Ohio Senate, February 21, 1995.



Martha L. Butler
Martha L. Butler, Clerk of the Senate

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