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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 185

Offered January 22, 1996

Designating January 22 to February 20, 1996, as the Muslim Holy Month of Ramadan in Virginia.

Patrons—Jones, J.C., Christian, Cunningham and Spruill; Senators: Lucas, Marsh and Miller, Y.B.

Referred to Committee on Rules

WHEREAS, January 22, 1996, marks the beginning of Ramadan, the Sunni (orthodox) Muslim holy month of fasting; and

WHEREAS, this sacred month of fasting represents the personal victory of men and women worldwide over their unrestrained appetites and urges; and

WHEREAS, Eid-ul Fitr is the three-day celebration at the end of the fast of Ramadan that commemorates this triumph over one's personal desires; and

WHEREAS, the Holy Qur'an, which was revealed by God to the Prophet Muhammad, is the spiritual wellspring that inspires and guides all Muslim people; and

WHEREAS, Virginia's Muslim community has contributed greatly to the moral, social, economic, and spiritual fabric of the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, it is only fitting that all Virginians be urged to take the time to understand and recognize the piety and richness of the Muslim faith and its traditions; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby designate January 22 to February 20, 1996, as the Muslim Holy Month of Ramadan in Virginia and urge Virginians to take time during this holy month to learn about and understand the tenets of the Muslim faith.

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