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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 49

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Commending Arab-Americans in Virginia.

Patrons—Moran, Almand, Amundson, Baskerville, Brink, Darner, Hull, Petersen, Plum, Scott, Van
Landingham and Watts

WHEREAS, the rich history and tradition of Arab culture has contributed to western civilization in
many fields, including science, medicine, mathematics, geography, and architecture; and

WHEREAS, Arab-Americans have made, and continue to make, valuable contributions to virtually
every aspect of American life since October 1854, when the first recorded Arab immigrant arrived in the
United States; and

WHEREAS, Arab-American values, which emphasize higher education, hard work and productivity,
have resulted in their contributions to the American and Virginia economies as doctors, lawyers,
teachers, engineers, computer programmers, and entrepreneurs; and

WHEREAS, Arab-Americans are followers of two of the three great monotheistic religions:
Christianity and Islam; and

WHEREAS, members of the Arab-American community have served with distinction in the armed
forces of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth's Arab-American and Muslim communities, some of which date
back more than a century, are an integral part of the fabric of our state, add to the diversity of our
community, and contribute to the richness of the Commonwealth; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Arab-Americans in Virginia be hereby commended;
and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the House of Delegates encourage the citizens of the Commonwealth
to reflect on the unique and invaluable contributions of Virginia's Arab-American community.

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