

SENATE RESOLUTION No. ____

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A SENATE RESOLUTION recognizing the month of April as Arab-American Heritage Month.

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SENATE RESOLUTION _____

MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

1 A SENATE RESOLUTION recognizing the month of April
2 as Arab-American Heritage Month.

3 *Whereas, The Arab-American community has a long and*
4 *integral history in Indiana;*

5 *Whereas, For over a century, Arab-Americans have been*
6 *making valuable contributions to virtually every aspect of*
7 *American society, including medicine, law, business,*
8 *technology, sports, and government;*

9 *Whereas, Prominent Arab-Americans in Indiana include*
10 *the Honorable Governor Mitch Daniels and the 23rd Official*
11 *Reporter for the Indiana Supreme and Appellate Courts, Helen*
12 *Corey;*

13 *Whereas, Since migrating to America, men and women of*
14 *Arab descent have shared their rich culture and traditions with*
15 *neighbors and friends, while also setting fine examples of*
16 *engaged citizens and public servants;*

17 *Whereas, Arab-Americans brought with them to America*
18 *their resilient family values, strong work ethic, dedication to*

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1 *education, and diversity in faith and creed that have added*
2 *strength to our great democracy;*

3 *Whereas, Arab-Americans have also enriched our society*
4 *by sharing in the entrepreneurial American spirit that makes*
5 *our nation free and prosperous;*

6 *Whereas, Tens of thousands of Arab-Americans have served*
7 *during World War I, World War II, the Korean War, the*
8 *Vietnam War, the Gulf War, and the Wars in Afghanistan and*
9 *Iraq after September 11, 2001;*

10 *Whereas, Men and women of Arab descent have overcome*
11 *discrimination and have persevered in order to share their rich*
12 *culture, strong work ethic, and dedication to education while*
13 *embracing the American spirit of opportunity and helping us*
14 *build a better nation and state for all;*

15 *Whereas, It is estimated that there are at least 30,000*
16 *people of Arab descent in Indiana;*

17 *Whereas, It is appropriate and right to celebrate a diversity*
18 *of cultures and heritages, and such celebration serves as a*
19 *reminder that despite our differing backgrounds, everyone in*
20 *Indiana is bound by a common hope for a better and more*
21 *inclusive future for our children; and*

22 *Whereas, We recognize and celebrate the contributions to*
23 *cultural diversity, economic growth, and the overall*
24 *development of our state and nation made by the Arab-*
25 *American community: Therefore,*

26 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the*
27 *General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*



1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana State Senate recognizes the
2 month of April of each year as Arab-American Heritage Month
3 to recognize the valuable contributions of Arab-Americans to
4 this state and to the various aspects of American society.

