

106TH CONGRESS
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H. CON. RES. 220

Expressing the sense of the Congress that a postage stamp should be issued recognizing the Islamic holy month of Ramadan.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 4, 1999

Mr. DAVIS of Virginia (for himself and Mr. ROHRABACHER) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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Whereas there are more than five million practicing Muslims in the United States, who represent one of the fastest growing segments of American society;

Whereas those who follow the Islamic faith are a diverse community comprised of all races, colors, and political opinions, who make important and valuable contributions to American society and culture;

Whereas Ramadan is an Islamic holy month which follows the lunar cycle and is observed by Muslims around the world;

Whereas Muslims in the United States fast during the month of Ramadan, from sunrise until sunset, abstaining from food, drink, and sexual contact;

Whereas Ramadan lasts for 29 or 30 days, depending on the cycle of the new Moon;

Whereas Judaism, Christianity, and Islam are the three monotheistic religions of the world; and

Whereas Jewish and Christian holidays have been recognized on United States postage stamps, but no Islamic observance is similarly commemorated: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring)*, That it is the sense of the Congress that—

3 (1) the United States Postal Service should
4 issue a postage stamp recognizing the Islamic holy
5 month of Ramadan; and

6 (2) the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee
7 should recommend to the Postmaster General that
8 such a stamp be issued.

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