

House Resolution 575

By: Representative Marin of the 96th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the 100 Influential Georgia American Muslims; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, many contributions have been made by influential Georgia American Muslims
3 who have furthered the development of this state and nation; for over a century, the
4 American Muslim community has made significant accomplishments in the State of Georgia
5 and the United States; and

6 WHEREAS, the 100 Influential Georgia American Muslims is an initiative of the Islamic
7 Speakers Bureau of Atlanta; they are men and women "Continuing the Legacy; Changing the
8 Narrative" with their work, vision, compassion, dedication, and commitments to their
9 communities; they are continuing the legacy of their forefathers who contributed to the
10 advancement of human civilization while at the same time providing many narratives to
11 today's conversation about Islam and Muslims; and

12 WHEREAS, the Islamic Speakers Bureau of Atlanta envisions a world in which people of
13 diverse backgrounds are understood and respected and their contributions valued and in
14 which American Muslim communities play a vital role in promoting values of inclusion and
15 coexistence; and

16 WHEREAS, this year, Georgians join with influential Georgia American Muslims
17 throughout this state to celebrate the legacy of influential Georgia American Muslims and
18 highlight the past and present contributions to Georgia and the United States; as part of the
19 American cultural and religious tapestry, Georgia American Muslim ancestry shares an
20 appreciation for freedom and peace based on a common respect for human dignity,
21 prosperity, and democracy; and

22 WHEREAS, with diligence, fortitude, and an enduring belief in the American dream,
23 influential Georgia American Muslims are playing a public role in promoting freedom and
24 democracy; and

25 WHEREAS, Georgia American Muslims have become an integral part of American society
26 and have made important contributions as Georgians in the fields of finance, technology, law,
27 business, politics, medicine, education, sports, media, the arts, the military, and the
28 government, as well as other areas; and

29 WHEREAS, as the Georgia American Muslims prepare for a new era and create new history,
30 American Muslims commit to the appreciation of the courage and values of their forefathers,
31 a deep sense of their roots, and pride in their own heritage so that they may better contribute
32 to the great State of Georgia, rich with religious, ethnic, and cultural diversity.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
34 the members of this body commend the 100 Influential Georgia American Muslims for their
35 contributions to the welfare of the State of Georgia.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
37 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the 100
38 Influential Georgia American Muslims.