

Senate Resolution 317

By: Senators Butler of the 55th, Islam of the 7th, Rahman of the 5th, Jones II of the 22nd, Jackson of the 41st and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing July 2023 as Muslim American Heritage Month; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia takes great pride in the varied religious and cultural
3 traditions of residents of this state and seeks to afford all people in Georgia the opportunity
4 to better understand, recognize, and appreciate the rich histories, cultures, significant
5 contributions, and shared principles of Muslim Americans; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Muslim Americans contribute greatly to charitable organizations that help
7 people from all faiths in the United States and around the world by feeding the hungry,
8 providing recuperation efforts following natural disasters, and providing medical assistance,
9 family services, scholastic supplies, and before- and after-school programs; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Muslim Americans have contributed to every part of the economy, culture,
11 education, and identity of Georgia and the United States in making advancements in
12 architecture, arts, business, culture, diplomacy, government, law, medicine, the military,
13 national security, religion, and sports; and

14 WHEREAS, Muslim Americans from Georgia have made significant contributions in the
15 global fight against polio, malaria, influenza, hepatitis, and cancer and in the development
16 of vaccines; and

17 WHEREAS, there is a need for public education, awareness, discourse, and policies that are
18 culturally competent when describing, discussing, or addressing the impacts of being Muslim
19 American.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
21 recognize the month of July 2023 as Muslim American Heritage Month at the state capitol
22 and encourage officials and departments of state, county, and municipal governments, boards
23 of education, elementary and secondary schools, colleges and universities, businesses, and
24 all citizens to participate in appropriate ceremonies, programs, and activities that
25 commemorate and honor the contributions of Muslim Americans throughout said month.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
27 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the public and the
28 press.