

111TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. RES. 1719

Recognizing the cultural and religious significance of Eid al-Adha and wishing Muslim-Americans and Muslims around the world a prosperous holiday.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 16, 2010

Mr. HONDA (for himself, Mr. CARSON of Indiana, and Mr. ELLISON) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

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## RESOLUTION

Recognizing the cultural and religious significance of Eid al-Adha and wishing Muslim-Americans and Muslims around the world a prosperous holiday.

Whereas Eid al-Adha, or the Festival of the Sacrifice, is an Islamic holiday which honors Abraham's symbolic sacrifice of his son to God, as referenced in the Quran, Old Testament, and New Testament;

Whereas Abraham is a respected figure in Christianity, Judaism, and Islam;

Whereas for more than 14 centuries, Eid al-Adha has been observed;

Whereas Eid al-Adha is a holiday of great importance to millions of Muslim-Americans and approximately 1,500,000,000 Muslims around the world;

Whereas during Eid al-Adha, Muslim-Americans recognize the importance of sacrifice, freedom, and justice;

Whereas Eid al-Adha is celebrated around the world with prayers, charity and social events;

Whereas many communities across the United States hold day-long festivals in observance of Eid al-Adha;

Whereas Islam is one of the world's major religions, sharing the belief in one God and one humanity;

Whereas Muslim-Americans have made significant contributions to the flourishing of the United States, including as ambassadors to foreign nations, award winning scientists, doctors, and engineers, and athletes;

Whereas Muslim-Americans have contributed to the defense of the United States with an estimated 10,000 Muslim-Americans serving in the United States Armed Forces; and

Whereas Muslim-Americans contribute to the success and pluralism of the United States: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2               (1) recognizes the cultural and religious signifi-  
3       cance of Eid al-Adha;

4               (2) expresses its appreciation and respect for  
5       the contributions of Muslim-Americans to the United  
6       States; and

7               (3) wishes Muslim-Americans and Muslims  
8       around the world who observe Eid al-Adha a pros-  
9       perous holiday.

