



**H.Res. 635 – Recognizing the commencement of Ramadan, the Islamic holy month of fasting and spiritual renewal, and commending Muslims in the United States and throughout the world for their faith**

**FLOOR SITUATION**

H.Res. 635 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative Eddie Bernice Johnson (D-TX) on September 5, 2007. The Committee on Foreign Affairs agreed to seek consideration under suspension of the rules for H.Res. 635, as amended, by unanimous consent on September 26, 2007.

H.Res. 635 is expected to be considered on the floor of the House of Representatives on October 2, 2007.

**SUMMARY**

H.Res. 635 resolves that:

- During this time of conflict, in order to demonstrate solidarity with and support for members of the community of Islam in the United States and throughout the world, the House of Representatives recognizes the Islamic faith as one of the great religions of the world; and
- In observance of and out of respect for the commencement of Ramadan, the Islamic holy month of fasting and spiritual renewal, the House of Representatives acknowledges the onset of Ramadan and expresses its deepest respect to Muslims in the United States and throughout the world on this significant occasion.

**BACKGROUND**

Ramadan is the holy month of fasting and spiritual renewal for Muslims worldwide, and is the 9th month of the Muslim calendar year. The observance of the Islamic holy month of Ramadan commences at dusk on September 13, 2007, and continues for one lunar month. It is estimated that there are approximately 1.5 billion Muslims worldwide.

**COST**

A cost estimate from the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) was not available at the time of publication.

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