

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 40

Senators Santana, Hollier, Geiss, Bayer, Wojno, Chang, Polehanki and McCann offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to recognize April 2021 as Arab-American Heritage
2 Month.

3 Whereas, Michigan is home to the highest concentration of
4 Arab-Americans in the United States with at least 200,000
5 residents; and

6 Whereas, Arab-Americans are an integral part of this state
7 since their migration to the United States in the early 1900s in
8 order to find a destination that would better provide political,
9 economic, and religious freedoms; and

10 Whereas, Since migrating to the United States, men and women
11 of Arab descent have shared their rich culture and traditions with

1 neighbors and friends, while also setting fine examples of model
2 citizens and public servants; and

3 Whereas, The economic capabilities and political involvement
4 in all levels of government are a testament to the power of the
5 Arab-American community; and

6 Whereas, Arab migrants bring their resilient family values,
7 strong work ethic, dedication to education, and diversity in faith
8 and creed that add strength to our great democracy; and

9 Whereas, The working class population of this community has
10 played a pivotal role in the establishment of industrial force that
11 our state is known for today; and

12 Whereas, The vast contributions of the Arab-American community
13 in academia, business, medicine, science, and social justice
14 continue to make our state a better place to live; now, therefore,
15 be it

16 Resolved by the Senate, That we recognize April 2021 as Arab-
17 American Heritage Month; and be it further

18 Resolved, That we join all Americans in the desire for a more
19 peaceful and diverse society where every individual is treated
20 equally and feels safe.