

Senate Concurrent Resolution 35

Sponsored by Senator DEMBROW; Senators COURTNEY, FREDERICK, GELSER, ROBLAN, STEINER HAYWARD, WAGNER, Representative PILUSO

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Designates June 2019 as Arab-American Heritage Month.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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2 Whereas for more than a century, Arab-Americans have been making valuable contributions to
3 virtually every aspect of American society, including medicine, law, business, technology, govern-
4 ment and culture; and

5 Whereas since migrating to the United States, persons of Arab descent have shared their rich
6 culture and traditions with neighbors and friends, while also setting fine examples as model citizens
7 and public servants; and

8 Whereas Arab migrants to the United States brought with them their resilient family values, a
9 strong work ethic, dedication to education, and diversity in faith and creed that have added strength
10 to our great democracy; and

11 Whereas Arab-Americans have enriched our society by embracing the American spirit of op-
12 portunity that makes our nation free and prosperous; and

13 Whereas the history of Arab-Americans in American life often remains neglected or defaced by
14 misunderstanding, bigotry and anti-Arab hate in the form of crimes and speech; and

15 Whereas issues currently affecting Arab-Americans, such as civil rights abuses, harmful stere-
16 otyping, harassment and bullying, must be combatted through education and awareness; and

17 Whereas Arab-Americans join all Americans in the desire to see a peaceful and diverse society,
18 where every individual is treated equally and feels safe; and

19 Whereas the immense contributions and heritage of Arab-Americans have helped us build a
20 better nation; now, therefore,

21 **Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:**

22 That we, the members of the Eightieth Legislative Assembly, celebrate the countless contribu-
23 tions that Arab-Americans have made to American society and the State of Oregon; and be it further

24 Resolved, That June 2019 is designated Arab-American Heritage Month in Oregon, and we en-
25 courage all residents of this state to join in this special observance.

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