

No. R-284. House concurrent resolution congratulating the innovative cross-cultural mission of the Izdahar arts exchange organization.

(H.C.R.212)

Offered by: Representatives Stuart of Brattleboro, Burke of Brattleboro, and Toleno of Brattleboro

Whereas, Yasmin Tayeby is an Egyptian-American who, as a young girl, experienced both American and Egyptian cultures, and

Whereas, this musically talented woman graduated from the Berklee College of Music in Boston, and

Whereas, upon graduation, Yasmin Tayeby returned to Cairo, where she combined her artistic and business skills in establishing a music and events promotion company that offered multicultural arts performances for Egyptian audiences, and

Whereas, while in Egypt, she developed a working relationship with the U.S. Embassy in Cairo, collaborating on multiple projects, and

Whereas, Yasmin Tayeby moved to Vermont, where, in 2013, she founded Izdahar, a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting cross-cultural understanding between the United States and the Middle East and North Africa, and

Whereas, she selected the name Izdahar, which in Arabic means flourishing, to reflect the flourishing of the visual and performing arts in both the Middle East and North Africa, and

Whereas, Izdahar promotes intercultural exchanges in New York and Vermont, and works in collaboration with the U.S. Department of State, and with performing arts organizations in the Middle East and North Africa, and

Whereas, a prime example of Izdahar's international cultural mission is the performance presented today in the State House of the Egyptian musical theater group Fabrica, which the acclaimed Egyptian soprano Neveen Allouba established, and

Whereas, Izdahar will foster a new connection between the United States and communities in the Middle East and North Africa, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the innovative cross-cultural mission of the Izdahar arts exchange organization, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Izdahar.