



# D.C. History Minute

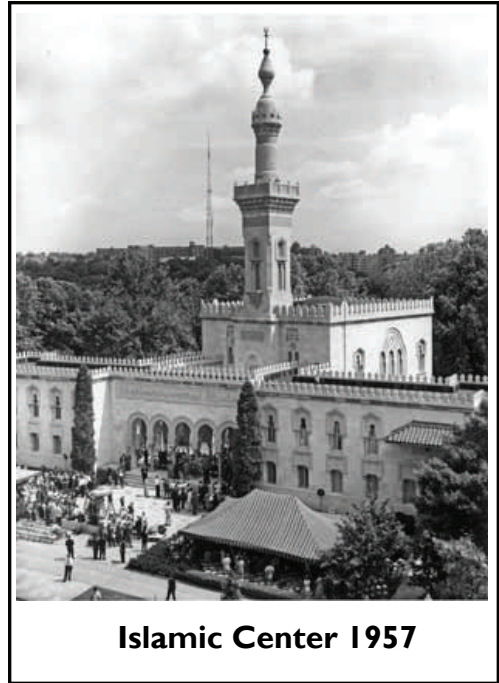
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## Islamic Center of Washington, D.C.

2551 Massachusetts Avenue, NW is the location of one of the most beautiful buildings in the Nation's Capital: the Islamic Center of Washington, D.C. The majestic prayer in stone and steel was constructed between 1949 and 1957 and was based on plans drawn by the Egyptian Ministry of Works, and, was guided by the American architects Irwin S. Porter and Sons.

The Islamic Center of Washington was originally sponsored by diplomatic mission heads from Muslim countries. President Eisenhower dedicated the Center on June 28, 1957. In 2001 President George W. Bush visited the Center six days

after the 9 / 11 attacks to denounce anti-Islamic violence and prejudice. In 2007, President Bush participated in the rededication of the Islamic Center of Washington.



**Islamic Center 1957**



**President Dwight Eisenhower dedicates the Islamic Center on June 28, 1957**

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