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The Islamic Shura Council of Southern California extends its heartfelt condolences to the family of late Dr. Ahmad Sakr for their irrevocable loss. *"Indeed we all belong to Allah and to Him we shall return. On behalf of Shura Council, I extend my deepest condolences to Dr. Ahmad Sakr's entire family and pray to Allah Subhana wa ta'Ala to grant him the highest place in paradise."*

Reflecting on Dr. Sakr's life and legacy, Dr. Muzammil Siddiqi, Chairman of the Shura Council said:

"Dr. Sakr was a giant of a man whose entire life was committed to Islam, the Muslim community and for the wellbeing of the society at large. For more than half a century, I knew Dr. Sakr as a scholar, a community builder, a dear friend and a brother. The history of Muslims in America will always record Dr. Sakr as a pioneering community builder and as a father figure. Now that Dr. Sakr has returned to his Lord, I urge the community to continue his legacy by serving the community and the society at large. That will be our best expression of our love for Dr. Sakr."

Dr. Ahmad Sakr's contributions are many such as: Founding member of the Muslim Students Association, which later became the Islamic Society of North America; Founding member of the Islamic Shura Council of Southern California; President of the American Islamic College; Founding President of the Islamic Food and Nutritional Council; Founding member of the World Council of Mosques; Representing Muslim World League at the United Nations and a myriad other notable positions.

Dr. Sakr was a prolific writer and has authored more than fifty books. Over the last five decades, he presented papers on various topics in conventions, conferences and community events. His body of work continues to help Muslims and non-Muslims alike within and outside the United States.

Dr. Sakr earned his undergraduate degree from the American University (Beirut) and then did his graduate work and received his Ph.D from the University of Illinois (Urbana-Champaign, IL).

I call upon all Masajid to make a special prayer for Dr. Sakr and his family this coming Friday and continue his legacy by serving Islam and all of humanity.

On behalf of Shura Council, I also like to invite the community on **Sunday December 6th** to celebrate Dr. Sakr's life and legacy that will be hosted by the **Islamic Society of Orange County after mid-day prayers at 1:15 pm**. To help Shura Council and ISOC organize the logistics, please [RSVP your participation HERE](#) or call us at (714) 373-6473.