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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, November 2023 marks the 39th anniversary of the
2 start of the Sikh genocide in India; and

3 WHEREAS, The assassination of Indian prime minister Indira
4 Gandhi on October 31, 1984, sparked systematic attacks against
5 Sikhs in India, which resulted in the murder of more than 30,000
6 people over the course of a three-day period; Sikh communities were
7 terrorized and businesses and properties were destroyed at the
8 hands of vigilante groups, who had the encouragement of the police,
9 government ministers, and members of parliament; under the code
10 name "Operation Woodrose," the government of India went on to
11 target Amritdhari Sikhs across the country's Punjab region, and for
12 10 years, the violence continued as the Indian army rounded up Sikh
13 men and youth, who were later put to death; and

14 WHEREAS, Mass graves holding the remains of those killed in
15 the violence have been found in a number of communities, including
16 the villages of Hondh Chillar and Pataudi in Haryana, where burial
17 sites were discovered in 2011; moreover, the Tilak Vihar
18 neighborhood in New Delhi, known as the "Widow Colony," still
19 houses thousands of Sikh women who were forced to endure rape and to
20 witness the torture and murder of their husbands, fathers, and
21 sons; and

22 WHEREAS, The Sikh community in the United States continues to
23 mourn these atrocities, and it is incumbent upon the global
24 community to learn from the past and to reaffirm our commitment to

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1 preventing similar tragedies in the years ahead; now, therefore, be
2 it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
4 Legislature hereby remember those who lost their lives during the
5 November 1984 anti-Sikh genocide.