

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, April 2, 2023, marks the celebration of Palm Sunday,
2 the first day of the Christian Holy Week; and

3 WHEREAS, Palm Sunday, which falls on the last Sunday in Lent
4 and the Sunday before Easter, commemorates the triumphant return of
5 Jesus Christ to Jerusalem; according to the scriptures, Jesus rode
6 into the city on a donkey and was greeted by a crowd of followers,
7 who laid their coats and palm branches on the ground to symbolically
8 recognize him as their king and messiah; and

9 WHEREAS, In many churches, the day is celebrated with the
10 blessing and procession of palms, a ceremony that dates back to the
11 end of the fourth century in Jerusalem; also called Passion Sunday,
12 the holiday frequently features an account of the Passion of
13 Christ; some traditions also include using the palms as
14 sacramentals and burning them to serve as the ashes for the next
15 year's Ash Wednesday celebration; and

16 WHEREAS, Observed for more than 1,600 years, Palm Sunday
17 commences the most sacred week in the Christian calendar and
18 heralds the coming of Easter, and it is a pleasure to recognize all
19 those across the Lone Star State who are celebrating this special
20 holiday; now, therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
22 Legislature hereby commemorate Palm Sunday 2023.

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H.R. No. 679

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 679 was adopted by the House on April 5, 2023, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House