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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Holy Thursday, the fifth day of Holy Week, is being
2 observed on April 6, 2023; and

3 WHEREAS, For Christians, Holy Thursday is one of the most
4 sacred days of the liturgical calendar; it holds special importance
5 to Catholics and members of some Protestant denominations, marking
6 the end of Lent and the beginning of the Easter Triduum, the
7 three-day celebration of the death and resurrection of Jesus
8 Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, that concludes on Easter
9 Sunday; and

10 WHEREAS, Holy Thursday commemorates the Last Supper and, in
11 the Catholic tradition, Christ's institution of the Eucharist, the
12 Mass, and the priesthood; the holiday's popular name, Maundy
13 Thursday, derives from the Latin word for "command" and refers to
14 Christ's commandment to the disciples present at the Last Supper to
15 "love one another"; many churches of various denominations observe
16 the holiday with a Communion service and a ritual foot-washing
17 ceremony, which encourages Christians to recall Christ's
18 demonstration of humility and self-sacrifice; and

19 WHEREAS, The observance of Holy Thursday represents a solemn
20 and deeply meaningful occasion for millions of adherents of
21 Christianity, and it is indeed fitting to acknowledge its enduring
22 significance to countless Texans; now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
24 Legislature hereby commemorate Holy Thursday 2023.