

By: Jetton

H.R. No. 1276

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Hiral and Chandresh Patel have demonstrated great
2 kindness toward a family in need by welcoming a child, Gaddiel
3 Esponilla, into their home and into their hearts; and

4 WHEREAS, Gaddiel Esponilla tragically lost his mother, Sitti
5 Esponilla, on May 25, 2020, only two weeks after his birth;
6 Gaddiel's father, Rem Esponilla, had no relatives in the United
7 States and found himself unable to care for the newborn and the
8 Esponillas' other child, Lana, after his wife's death; and

9 WHEREAS, Hiral Patel, a friend of Sitti Esponilla who worked
10 with her at Memorial Hermann Hospital, stepped forward to care for
11 Gaddiel on the day that Mrs. Esponilla was hospitalized; she and
12 her husband, Chandresh Patel, are the parents of three children,
13 Neelam, Diya, and Adarsh, and they have devoted themselves to
14 providing for Gaddiel just as they have for their own family; and

15 WHEREAS, After COVID-19 travel restrictions were lifted, Rem
16 Esponilla's sister and Sitti Esponilla's mother were able to come to
17 the United States from the Philippines and take over as Gaddiel's
18 caregivers; Hiral and Chandresh Patel have since continued to keep
19 Gaddiel at their home on weekends to help out the child's father; as
20 devout Hindus, Mr. and Mrs. Patel have derived much comfort and
21 strength from their faith in handling this challenging yet
22 rewarding situation, and the temple of BAPS Shri Swaminarayan
23 Mandir in Houston also served as an invaluable resource to the
24 Esponilla family by assisting with the funeral arrangements for

1 Mrs. Esponilla; and

2 WHEREAS, Through their act of compassion, Hiral and Chandresh
3 Patel have made a profound difference in the lives of a family
4 coping with an unimaginable tragedy, and they have set an inspiring
5 example for their fellow Texans; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
7 Legislature hereby commend Hiral and Chandresh Patel for helping
8 the Esponilla family in their time of mourning and extend to Mr. and
9 Mrs. Patel sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

10 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
11 prepared for Mr. and Mrs. Patel as an expression of high regard by
12 the Texas House of Representatives.