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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, National Cameroonian Heritage and Diaspora Month is
2 taking place in May 2023; and

3 WHEREAS, Since becoming an independent nation in 1960,
4 Cameroon has played a vital role in maintaining regional stability;
5 nicknamed "Africa in Miniature," the country is known for its
6 religious, linguistic, geographic, and ethnic diversity, and the
7 Cameroonian diaspora includes individuals of many different
8 backgrounds; and

9 WHEREAS, Cameroon has long served as an important economic,
10 military, and cultural partner of the United States; Cameroonian
11 immigrants and their descendants have contributed greatly to all
12 areas of American life, including the military, health care, the
13 arts, education, community service, and public policy; in addition,
14 they have been active in social and political movements in the U.S.;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, Each year since 1972, May 20 has been set aside for
17 Cameroon National Day to celebrate Cameroonian citizens around the
18 globe; in the United States, the observance continues throughout
19 the month of May for National Cameroonian Heritage and Diaspora
20 Month; and

21 WHEREAS, The Lone Star State is home to generations of
22 Americans who take great pride in their family roots in Cameroon,
23 and National Cameroonian Heritage and Diaspora Month provides a
24 welcome opportunity to recognize their significant contributions

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1 to the prosperity and cultural vibrancy of our nation; now,
2 therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
4 Legislature hereby recognize May 2023 as National Cameroonian
5 Heritage and Diaspora Month.