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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Vesak Day, one of the most important and sacred
2 holidays to Buddhists worldwide, commemorates the life,
3 enlightenment, and death of the Buddha; and

4 WHEREAS, Born between 400 and 560 B.C., the Buddha, or
5 Siddhartha Gautama, was the son of an Indian king; after leaving
6 behind his home and his royal title to become an ascetic, he
7 resolved to find an end to human suffering, which led to him
8 identifying the Four Noble Truths and the Noble Eightfold Path
9 toward enlightenment; and

10 WHEREAS, Some 2,500 years later, followers of Buddhism honor
11 the legacy of the religion's founder on Vesak Day; depending on the
12 country where it is celebrated, the holiday occurs on the first full
13 moon of May, or on the full moon of the fourth lunar month; many
14 observe the holiday by reaffirming their commitment to the moral
15 precepts of Buddhism, performing good deeds, and devoting time to
16 chanting and meditation; other customs include lighting lanterns,
17 decorating with flowers, and enjoying traditional Asian dishes; and

18 WHEREAS, The teachings of Buddha have inspired millions of
19 people around the globe to strive for inner peace and to demonstrate
20 greater compassion, tolerance, and understanding in their lives,
21 and it is fitting to acknowledge the great importance of Vesak Day
22 to Buddhists who reside in the Lone Star State and beyond; now,
23 therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas

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1 Legislature hereby recognize the significance of Vesak Day to
2 people of the Buddhist faith and extend sincere best wishes to our
3 state's Buddhist community for a festive and meaningful observance
4 of Vesak Day.