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#### SENATE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize members of the Hindu faith who reside in Texas and all who are joining in celebration of the occasion of Holi, which is taking place on March 14, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Holi, also known as the Festival of Colors, is an ancient Hindu spring festival and one of the most revered and joyous holidays in India; it is celebrated across the world by people of diverse nationalities and religions to mark the start of spring and to symbolize harmony, new beginnings, and the triumph of good over evil; and

WHEREAS, The festival lasts for a night and a day and begins on the evening of the last full moon of the Hindu lunar year, typically in February or March; the celebration includes a bonfire, and attendees gather to express merriment through song and dance to overcome negativity in preparation for the new year; and

WHEREAS, The following day, people of all social backgrounds dress in white and join together to cover each other with brightly colored water and powders that represent the joy and enthusiasm of the festival; in the evening, people gather with loved ones to enjoy festive foods and to honor family, friends, and various Hindu deities; and

WHEREAS, The origins of this jubilant festival can be traced back many centuries to various legends in Indian

mythology, and the event is recognized and celebrated throughout the world by people of all backgrounds who relate to the festival's themes of love, renewal, and progress; and

WHEREAS, The celebration of Holi is a vibrant expression of the cultural heritage and traditions that serve to strengthen and connect the many diverse cultures and communities that make up the unique fabric of the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 89th Legislature, hereby extend to all participating in the festivities of Holi best wishes for a rewarding and joyous celebration; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared in honor of this special occasion.