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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, May 2025 is being observed as Jewish American
2 Heritage Month, a time to recognize the many vital contributions
3 made by Jewish Americans to the United States and to the State of
4 Texas; and

5 WHEREAS, The American Jewish community traces its roots to
6 1654, when a group of 23 Jewish men, women, and children migrated to
7 New Amsterdam, present-day New York City, from Recife, Brazil, to
8 escape religious persecution; during the more than three and a half
9 centuries that have followed, Jewish Americans have played an
10 integral role in our nation's development and have demonstrated
11 their commitment to country and community in myriad ways; only a few
12 years after the 350th anniversary of that historic arrival, May was
13 officially proclaimed Jewish American Heritage Month by President
14 George W. Bush in 2006; and

15 WHEREAS, Jewish Americans have served with distinction in
16 government and the military, led universities and global
17 corporations, and upheld the rule of law, including service on the
18 U.S. Supreme Court; they have advanced science and medicine, earned
19 Nobel Prizes, and immeasurably enriched American culture through
20 their achievements in literature, art, music, film, and other
21 fields; and

22 WHEREAS, Jewish Americans in Texas have played an
23 instrumental role in the growth and success of the state since its
24 earliest days; they served as soldiers in the Texas Revolution,

1 founded communities such as Castroville and Waco, and established
2 congregations and charitable institutions statewide; moreover,
3 Jewish Americans have helped to shape the cultural and economic
4 fabric of Texas through business, education, philanthropy, and
5 civic engagement; today, members of Jewish organizations
6 throughout Texas continue to build on this proud legacy, ensuring
7 that the values of freedom, justice, and community service endure
8 for future generations; and

9 WHEREAS, Since the time of our country's founding, Jewish
10 Americans have distinguished themselves in every field of endeavor,
11 and it is fitting to acknowledge and celebrate the role they have
12 played, and continue to play, in strengthening the prosperity,
13 resilience, and quality of life in our state and nation; now,
14 therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 89th Texas Legislature
16 hereby recognize May 2025 as Jewish American Heritage Month.