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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, March 25, 2011, marks the 100th birthday of a noted
2 religious leader, His Holiness Dr. Syedna Mohammed Burhanuddin; and

3 WHEREAS, Dr. Syedna Mohammed Burhanuddin is the 52nd in a
4 succession of leaders carrying out the Fatemid Islamic tradition,
5 and he heads a community of more than two million Shia Muslims known
6 as the Dawoodi Bohras; based in Mumbai, India, he travels the globe
7 as an "Ambassador of Peace," promoting harmony and diversity and
8 encouraging his followers to forge links that transcend barriers of
9 race and religion while remaining loyal to the land of their abode
10 as an article of their faith; and

11 WHEREAS, Guided by Dr. Burhanuddin, Dawoodi Bohras have
12 maintained and reaffirmed their Islamic values while embracing
13 technology and modernity as ways to prosper and to cultivate
14 positive relations among different peoples of the world; his
15 efforts have also helped to earn the Dawoodi Bohras an
16 international reputation for peace, productivity, and
17 humanitarianism; and

18 WHEREAS, Texas' two Dawoodi Bohra Masjids in the cities of
19 Irving and Katy are symbols of the Dawoodi Bohras' success in and
20 commitment to Texas, and they serve as significant cultural
21 additions to the state; moreover, Dr. Burhanuddin has recognized
22 the city of Houston as a home for himself, his children, his
23 grandchildren, and over 3,000 followers; and

24 WHEREAS, The Dawoodi Bohra community is contributing to the

1 cultural diversity and economic vitality of the Lone Star State,
2 and this occasion provides a fitting opportunity to recognize its
3 respected leader; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
5 Legislature hereby congratulate His Holiness Dr. Syedna Mohammed
6 Burhanuddin on the occasion of his 100th birthday and extend to him
7 sincere best wishes for the future.