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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud members of the Indian American community are
2 gathering in Austin on February 18, 2015, for Indo-Americans of
3 Greater Houston Day at the State Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, In the first decade of the 21st century, the number
5 of Texans of South Asian descent doubled to more than 350,000; over
6 115,000 people of Indian ancestry live in the Houston metropolitan
7 area, which makes it one of the top population centers for Indian
8 Americans in the United States; and

9 WHEREAS, Indian Americans are a dynamic ethnic, cultural, and
10 economic force in Texas, with a median household income of \$88,500;
11 they are also highly educated, with 71 percent holding a bachelor's
12 or higher degree; many members of the community are successful and
13 prosperous businesspeople, engineers, medical professionals, and
14 experts in information technology; and

15 WHEREAS, Within the greater Houston area, several unique and
16 influential organizations speak up for the Indian American
17 community, including the Indo-American Political Action Committee,
18 the Indo-American Chamber of Commerce, the India Culture Center,
19 and the Indo-American Charity Foundation, as well as India House, a
20 community center that benefits all of Houston; and

21 WHEREAS, The Indo-American community of Houston is diverse in
22 religion, native language, and economic status, but its members
23 remain united in the pride they take in their shared culture and
24 ancestry; now, therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
2 Legislature hereby recognize February 18, 2015, as Indo-Americans
3 of Greater Houston Day at the State Capitol and extend to the
4 visiting delegation sincere best wishes for an informative and
5 memorable visit to Austin.