

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, On April 13, 2015, members of the Sikh community are  
2 coming together in Texas and around the world to celebrate  
3 Vaisakhi, one of the most important dates on the Sikh calendar; and

4           WHEREAS, Sikhism is the fifth-largest religion in the world,  
5 with more than 25 million adherents, including an estimated 700,000  
6 in the United States; the majority of Sikhs live in the Punjab  
7 province of India, in the region where the religion was founded in  
8 the 15th century by Guru Nanak Dev; and

9           WHEREAS, A monotheistic faith, Sikhism teaches respect for  
10 all people, regardless of race, religion, gender, or background; it  
11 stresses the importance of doing good in the world and  
12 demonstrating such positive values as humility, diligence,  
13 generosity, and self-sacrifice in daily life; and

14           WHEREAS, Vaisakhi celebrates the founding in 1699 of the  
15 devout Sikh fellowship known as the Khalsa; Guru Gobind Singh  
16 bestowed on all Khalsa men the surname Singh, meaning "lion," as a  
17 reminder to be courageous, and women accepted the surname Kaur, or  
18 "princess," to emphasize dignity; and

19           WHEREAS, The first Sikhs came to the United States in the  
20 1890s to build railroads, work on California farms, or labor in the  
21 lumber mills of the Pacific Northwest; since then, Sikh Americans  
22 in all walks of life have contributed to the social, cultural, and  
23 economic vibrancy of the United States; and

24           WHEREAS, The festival of Vaisakhi presents an ideal

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1 opportunity to affirm the belief in justice, equality, and freedom  
2 that is cherished by all Americans and by Sikhs the world over; now,  
3 therefore, be it

4       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas  
5 Legislature hereby commemorate the festival of Vaisakhi and extend  
6 to all Sikh Texans sincere best wishes for a meaningful and  
7 memorable observance.

Turner of Harris

Straus	González	Paddie
Allen	Guerra	Parker
Alonzo	Guillen	Paul
Alvarado	Gutierrez	Peña
Anchia	Harless	Phelan
Anderson of Dallas	Hernandez	Phillips
Anderson of McLennan	Herrero	Pickett
Ashby	Howard	Price
Aycock	Huberty	Raney
Bell	Hughes	Raymond
Bernal	Hunter	Reynolds
Blanco	Isaac	Riddle
Bohac	Israel	Rinaldi
Bonnen of Brazoria	Johnson	Rodriguez of Bexar
Bonnen of Galveston	Kacal	Rodriguez of Travis
Burkett	Keffer	Romero, Jr.
Burns	Keough	Rose
Burrows	King of Hemphill	Sanford
Button	King of Parker	Schaefer
Canales	King of Taylor	Schofield
Capriglione	King of Uvalde	Schubert
Clardy	Klick	Shaheen
Coleman	Koop	Sheets
Collier	Krause	Sheffield
Cook	Kuempel	Simmons
Craddick	Landgraf	Simpson
Crownover	Larson	Smith
Cyrier	Laubenberg	Smithee
Dale	Leach	Spitzer
Darby	Longoria	Springer
Davis of Dallas	Lozano	Stephenson
Davis of Harris	Lucio III	Stickland
Deshotel	Márquez	Thompson of Brazoria
Dukes	Martinez	Thompson of Harris
Dutton	Martinez Fischer	Tinderholt
Elkins	McClendon	Turner of Collin
Faircloth	Metcalf	Turner of Harris
Fallon	Meyer	Turner of Tarrant
Farias	Miles	VanDeaver
Farney	Miller of Comal	Villalba
Farrar	Miller of Fort Bend	Vo
Fletcher	Moody	Walle
Flynn	Morrison	White of Bell
Frank	Muñoz, Jr.	White of Tyler
Frullo	Murphy	Workman
Galindo	Murr	Wray
Geren	Naishtat	Wu
Giddings	Nevárez	Zedler
Goldman	Oliveira	Zerwas
Gonzales	Otto	

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1512 was adopted by the House on April 13, 2015, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House