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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Words cannot adequately convey the deep sorrow felt
2 by all Texans over the devastation caused by the two powerful
3 earthquakes that shook Nepal in the spring of 2015, killing more
4 than 8,600 people; and

5 WHEREAS, On April 25, a magnitude 7.8 earthquake struck the
6 nation, claiming over 8,000 lives, injuring tens of thousands of
7 people, and leaving hundreds of thousands homeless; less than three
8 weeks later, that disaster was followed by a magnitude 7.3
9 earthquake that caused more death and destruction; the second quake
10 hit particularly hard in remote parts of the Himalayan foothills,
11 creating major landslides that blocked roads and prevented aid from
12 quickly reaching villages; and

13 WHEREAS, The loss of life in Nepal is staggering, and the
14 country is badly hobbled by the damage to crucial infrastructure;
15 the government has estimated the cost of reconstruction at \$7
16 billion, a third of the nation's gross domestic product; the
17 collapse of about 6,000 school buildings may cause prolonged
18 interruption to the education of children, and the vital tourism
19 industry has been battered; hotels are in shambles, trekking routes
20 have been wiped out, Kathmandu's World Heritage site lies in ruins,
21 and over 600 temples, statues, and museums across the country have
22 sustained damage; and

23 WHEREAS, In facing tremendous hardships, the people of Nepal
24 have demonstrated remarkable compassion, resilience, and

1 generosity; the strong spirit of community is evidenced by the tens
2 of thousands of Nepalese who have returned to remote villages to
3 help rebuild, including many who had been living and working
4 abroad; and

5 WHEREAS, Residents of the Lone Star State are deeply inspired
6 by the courage, grace, and determination of the Nepali people, and
7 as we mourn for those who were lost, we pay tribute to the
8 tremendous fortitude of the survivors; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
10 Legislature hereby express its sorrow over the devastation caused
11 by the earthquakes in Nepal and honor the valor and altruism of the
12 nation's people as they work together to recover from this tragedy.