

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir in Irving is  
2 dedicated to fostering selfless service to society, faith, and  
3 unity; and

4           WHEREAS, A social and spiritual Hindu organization,  
5 Bochasanwasi Shri Akshar Purushottam Swaminarayan Sanstha, or  
6 BAPS, was established by Shastriji Maharaj in 1907; it is based on  
7 the teachings of Bhagwan Swaminarayan, who lived from 1781 to 1830;  
8 and

9           WHEREAS, BAPS addresses the myriad challenges of today's  
10 world, conducting its humanitarian work through a worldwide network  
11 of nearly 4,000 centers; it encourages adherents to lead upright,  
12 honest lives and to contribute to the greater good by volunteering  
13 regularly; and

14           WHEREAS, Members of the Mandir in Irving find daily  
15 inspiration in the legacy of Shastriji Maharaj, who illuminated the  
16 wisdom and knowledge passed down through the ages in Hindu  
17 scriptures and devoted his life to the timeless principles of  
18 truth, sacrifice, and loyalty; and

19           WHEREAS, The BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir in Irving provides  
20 opportunities for spiritual growth, fellowship, and service, and it  
21 is indeed fitting to recognize its positive role in the community;  
22 now, therefore, be it

23           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas  
24 Legislature hereby honor the BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir in

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1 Irving for all it does to help individuals achieve richer, more  
2 fulfilling lives and to provide humanitarian assistance in the  
3 wider society; and, be it further

4       RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
5 prepared for the Mandir as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
6 House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 215 was adopted by the House on  
February 23, 2017, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House