

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, On February 1, 2017, the Bochasanwasi Akshar
2 Purushottam Swaminarayan Sanstha (BAPS) is paying tribute to the
3 diversity of the State of Texas by hosting the Celebration of Indian
4 American Culture in Texas at the historic State Capitol; and

5 WHEREAS, BAPS is a spiritual and charitable organization
6 dedicated to community service and to peace and harmony; BAPS
7 strives to care for the world by caring for societies, families, and
8 individuals; and

9 WHEREAS, BAPS is a prominent Hindu organization in Texas with
10 places of worship in Austin, Corpus Christi, Dallas, Houston,
11 Lubbock, and San Antonio; its members serve the community under the
12 guidance and example of the group's spiritual leader, His Holiness
13 Mahant Swami Maharaj and through the wisdom of his predecessor, His
14 Holiness Pramukh Swami Maharaj, who often said, "In the joy of
15 others, lies our own"; and

16 WHEREAS, The Celebration of Indian American Culture in Texas
17 recognizes the myriad spiritual, economic, and cultural
18 contributions that Indian Americans have made to the Lone Star
19 State; now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
21 Legislature hereby commend BAPS Swaminarayan Sanstha and His
22 Holiness Mahant Swami Maharaj on the organization's commitment to
23 community service in Texas and across the nation and extend to all
24 those associated with the group sincere appreciation for their

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1 important work; and, be it further

2 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
3 prepared for BAPS as an expression of high regard by the Texas House
4 of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 236 was adopted by the House on
February 1, 2017, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House