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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The United States is a nation of immigrants, and our
2 influence in the world has been immeasurably enhanced by our
3 enduring identity as a land of freedom and opportunity for
4 resourceful persons of all colors, creeds, and origins; and

5 WHEREAS, Since colonial days, the American character has been
6 associated with boldness, determination, and an exceptional work
7 ethic, all traits possessed by those who elect to leave the familiar
8 behind and start their lives over in another country; successive
9 waves of newcomers have replenished our drive, enriched our
10 culture, and advanced our prosperity; and

11 WHEREAS, Immigrants bring innovative ideas and
12 entrepreneurial spirit, as well as business connections that
13 promote international trade and investment; they tend to arrive in
14 their prime working years, making huge net contributions to Social
15 Security and other senior entitlement programs; keeping the economy
16 flexible, they often fill key niches in the labor market where
17 demand outstrips supply, at both the low and high ends of the skill
18 spectrum; and

19 WHEREAS, The power of immigration to spur economic growth is
20 particularly evident in high-technology and other knowledge-based
21 sectors; the chief executive officers of such major tech companies
22 as Microsoft, Google, Oracle, and SpaceX were all born overseas,
23 and immigrants have developed myriad products, such as the Java
24 computer language, that have created jobs for millions of

1 Americans; and

2 WHEREAS, An America without immigrants would be poorer,
3 weaker, and less dynamic, and in an increasingly fluid and
4 challenging global economy, our competitiveness depends on our
5 continued ability to attract the best and the brightest from around
6 the world; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
8 Legislature hereby reaffirm America's proud tradition as a beacon
9 of liberty and express support for the constitutional rights of
10 lawful immigrants.