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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, From the founding of our country onward, generations
2 of immigrants have come to the United States in hopes of realizing
3 the promise of the American dream; and

4 WHEREAS, In 2015, immigrants of all statuses accounted for
5 20.6 percent of the Texas labor force; many of those individuals
6 have greatly benefited the state economy as small business owners
7 and entrepreneurs--9.4 percent of immigrants in Texas are
8 self-employed, compared to just 5.8 percent of the native-born
9 population--while more still have played an essential role in a
10 wide range of industries, especially education, health care, and
11 social-assistance services; and

12 WHEREAS, Immigrants residing in Texas earned an estimated
13 \$119 billion in wage, salary, and self-employment income in 2015,
14 and undocumented immigrants in the state pay approximately \$1.5
15 billion in state and local taxes each year; and

16 WHEREAS, A dynamic and diverse workforce is vital to the
17 prosperity of the Lone Star State, and it is indeed fitting that
18 immigrants be recognized for their innumerable contributions to the
19 Texas economy; now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
21 Legislature hereby honor the economic contributions made by
22 immigrants to the Lone Star State.