

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Many dedicated Texans are gathering in Austin on May
2 10, 2017, to take part in the inaugural Refugee Advocacy Day at the
3 State Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, For decades, the Lone Star State has been a leading
5 destination for the resettlement of refugees; over 40,000 refugees
6 began making new lives in Texas between 2010 and 2015 alone; and

7 WHEREAS, The state has more than 20 refugee resettlement
8 offices, most of them with specific faith roots; multifaith
9 partners unite their efforts out of a mutual commitment to helping
10 vulnerable populations facing persecution, and in this endeavor,
11 they continue a tradition that has resulted in the resettlement of
12 hundreds of thousands of refugees in the United States since the end
13 of World War II; and

14 WHEREAS, Refugees undergo extensive, stringent screening
15 before they are admitted to the United States, and communities
16 across Texas have welcomed them as hardworking neighbors who bring
17 new energy and ideas that lead to innovation and economic
18 development; refugees demonstrate the resilience, determination,
19 and optimism that have always defined the American spirit, and over
20 the years, they have become taxpayers, business owners, and leaders
21 in a broad range of industries; and

22 WHEREAS, The advocates visiting the Capitol on this day
23 include community volunteers, organizations that serve refugees,
24 refugee leaders, and members of a wide variety of faith-based

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1 organizations; in an era that has seen an unprecedented number of
2 refugees fleeing danger and oppression, it is indeed appropriate to
3 acknowledge those engaged in refugee resettlement for setting a
4 humanitarian example that is respected and admired around the
5 world; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
7 Legislature hereby recognize May 10, 2017, as Refugee Advocacy Day
8 at the State Capitol and extend to all those participating in this
9 event sincere best wishes for the future.

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Straus	Goldman	Oliverson
Allen	Gonzales of Williamson	Ortega
Alonzo	González of El Paso	Paddie
Alvarado	Gooden	Parker
Anchia	Guerra	Paul
Anderson of Dallas	Guillen	Perez
Anderson of McLennan	Gutierrez	Phelan
Arévalo	Hefner	Phillips
Ashby	Hernandez	Pickett
Bailes	Herrero	Price
Bell	Hinojosa	Raney
Bernal	Holland	Raymond
Biedermann	Howard	Reynolds
Blanco	Huberty	Rinaldi
Bohac	Hunter	Roberts
Bonnen of Brazoria	Isaac	Rodriguez of Bexar
Bonnen of Galveston	Israel	Rodriguez of Travis
Burkett	Johnson of Dallas	Romero, Jr.
Burns	Johnson of Harris	Rose
Burrows	Kacal	Sanford
Button	Keough	Schaefer
Cain	King of Hemphill	Schofield
Canales	King of Parker	Schubert
Capriglione	King of Uvalde	Shaheen
Clardy	Klick	Sheffield
Coleman	Koop	Shine
Collier	Krause	Simmons
Cook	Kuempel	Smithee
Cortez	Lambert	Springer
Cosper	Landgraf	Stephenson
Craddick	Lang	Stickland
Cyrier	Larson	Stucky
Dale	Laubenberg	Swanson
Darby	Leach	Thierry
Davis of Dallas	Longoria	Thompson of Brazoria
Davis of Harris	Lozano	Thompson of Harris
Dean	Lucio III	Tinderholt
Deshotel	Martinez	Turner
Dukes	Metcalf	Uresti
Dutton	Meyer	VanDeaver
Elkins	Miller	Villalba
Faircloth	Minjarez	Vo
Fallon	Moody	Walle
Farrar	Morrison	White
Flynn	Muñoz, Jr.	Wilson
Frank	Murphy	Workman
Frullo	Murr	Wray
Geren	Neave	Wu
Gervin-Hawkins	Nevárez	Zedler
Giddings	Oliveira	Zerwas

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1912 was adopted by the House on May 10, 2017, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House