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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

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.