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R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, Refugee Advocacy Day is being recognized at the State Capitol April 9, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Over the years, Texans have demonstrated compassion and public spirit in welcoming refugees to the Lone Star State; in turn, those refugees have helped to strengthen the state's economy, contributing to the success of more than 900 Texas companies and stimulating the market with a spending power of $4.6 billion; and

WHEREAS, Embodying the resilience, determination, and optimism that have always defined the American spirit, many refugees have gone on to become business owners and industry leaders; in addition, the taxes they pay more than compensate for their use of shared public services, with refugees on average contributing a net amount of $21,000 during their first 20 years in the country; and

WHEREAS, Refugees resettled in Texas add to the economic and cultural richness of our state, and the individuals and organizations who have helped refugees rebuild their lives here are indeed deserving of acknowledgment for setting a humanitarian example that is respected and admired around the world; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas Legislature hereby recognize April 9, 2019, as Refugee Advocacy Day at the State Capitol and extend to all those participating in this event sincere best wishes for the future.