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R E S O L U T I O N

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

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

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

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

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