

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 679

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the Indian American Friendship Council on the occasion of Indian American Festival Day, which is taking place May 4, 2019, in Coppell; and

**WHEREAS**, The Indian American Friendship Council was founded in 1990 by Dr. Krishna Reddy; its mission is to improve relations between the United States and India, support developing nations, promote global democracy, and protect the interests of the Indian American community; and

**WHEREAS**, The council has been instrumental in forging ties between the United States Congress and the Indian Parliament, and it has played a pivotal role in making the Caucus on India and Indian Americans the largest caucus in the United States House of Representatives; the council organizes an annual legislative conference in Washington, D.C., that is attended by more than 120 members of Congress; and

**WHEREAS**, Indian American Festival Day provides a valuable opportunity for Texans to learn about India's rich culture and history; with the theme of Merge into the Mainstream, this year's event will feature noted Indian performing artists along with a wide range of family activities; and

**WHEREAS**, The Indian American Friendship Council has played a vital role in cementing relations between India and the United States, the world's two largest democracies, and it is truly deserving of special recognition for its advocacy; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 86th Legislature, hereby commend the Indian American Friendship Council on its many contributions to the Indian American community and extend to its members best wishes for a memorable Indian American Festival Day; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the council as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the  
above Resolution was adopted by  
the Senate on May 1, 2019.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate