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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The observance of Hindu Heritage Month in October  
2 2021 provides an opportunity to celebrate the enduring legacy of  
3 one of the world's oldest religious traditions and the many ways  
4 that its practitioners have enriched our society; and

5           WHEREAS, Nearly one billion people worldwide, including  
6 around 80 percent of the population of India, belong to the Hindu  
7 faith; Hinduism refers to a diverse set of beliefs, practices, and  
8 rituals that date back thousands of years and that vary across  
9 social groups and regions; the multifaceted, ever-evolving nature  
10 of Hinduism distinguishes it from belief systems that derive their  
11 doctrine from a single text, and its complexity leads many to  
12 embrace it not simply as a religion but as a way of life; and

13           WHEREAS, People of Hindu faith make up one of the  
14 fastest-growing immigrant communities in the United States; they  
15 have made invaluable contributions as business leaders,  
16 professionals, and innovators, advancing human knowledge in every  
17 area from science, astronomy, and medicine to art and literature,  
18 while also sharing the vibrancy of their culture with the Western  
19 world; Hindu Americans, including those of Indian descent, have  
20 added immeasurably to their communities through their unique  
21 culinary traditions, music, styles of dress, and festivals such as  
22 Holi and Diwali, and they have further introduced fellow citizens  
23 to the benefits of yoga, meditation, mindfulness, and other  
24 spiritual practices; and

1           WHEREAS, The Lone Star State is fortunate to be home to a  
2 diverse and thriving population of Hindus who are working to build a  
3 brighter future for their families and communities, and it is  
4 indeed a pleasure to join in commemorating their achievements on  
5 the occasion of Hindu Heritage Month; now, therefore, be it

6           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas  
7 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby recognize October 2021 as  
8 Hindu Heritage Month and pay tribute to the meaningful  
9 contributions that Hindus have made to our state and nation.