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H.R. No. 149

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Raveen Arora of Irving was one of the nominees for
2 the 2021 Nobel Peace Prize, and this achievement truly merits
3 special recognition; and

4 WHEREAS, Established by Alfred Nobel in 1895, the Nobel Peace
5 Prize is presented each year to a person, persons, or organization
6 that has worked for the promotion of peace and fraternity between
7 nations; the first prize was awarded in 1901, and in 2021, there
8 were 329 candidates from around the globe; and

9 WHEREAS, Raveen Arora was born in a refugee camp in the Punjab
10 region of India in 1948, and he grew up poor in the city of Kolkata;
11 around the age of seven, he met Mother Teresa when she visited his
12 school, and at age 11, he met Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.; after
13 earning degrees in accounting, finance, and business management in
14 India, he worked as a chartered accountant while also serving as an
15 officer of the Lions Club and giving generously of his time to a
16 number of charitable organizations, including the Missionaries of
17 Charity founded by Mother Teresa; and

18 WHEREAS, In 1981, Mr. Arora moved to Los Angeles and started
19 a successful financial consultancy, and after retiring in 2002, he
20 relocated to Tempe, Arizona, where he became involved in many
21 philanthropic endeavors; he created India Plaza to rejuvenate a
22 depressed part of the city and showcase a variety of Indian
23 businesses, and he also served on the boards of numerous
24 organizations, including United Food Bank, the Tempe Chamber of

1 Commerce, the Tempe Community Council, Project Humanities at
2 Arizona State University, and Sister Cities International;
3 moreover, he spent countless hours distributing bottled water and
4 meals to the homeless as well as providing financial assistance to
5 local college students and recently arrived immigrants; he also
6 traveled to more than 90 countries to deliver humanitarian aid; and

7 WHEREAS, In 2021, Mr. Arora moved to Irving to be close to his
8 daughter and his grandchildren, and he continues to serve others
9 through his Think Human global initiative, a grassroots
10 organization which he established in 2016 to promote empathy,
11 diversity, and inclusion; he was nominated for the Nobel Peace
12 Prize by Satish Lakhotia, the founder of an Indian service
13 organization, and the nomination has received nearly 70
14 endorsements; and

15 WHEREAS, Throughout his life, Raveen Arora has donated much
16 of his time and energy to carrying out good works in his community
17 and around the world, and in so doing, he has earned the high esteem
18 of innumerable people; now, therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
20 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby congratulate Raveen Arora
21 on his nomination for the Nobel Peace Prize and extend to him
22 sincere best wishes for continued success with his important work;
23 and, be it further

24 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
25 prepared for Mr. Arora as an expression of high regard by the Texas
26 House of Representatives.