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RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Yuba Raj Khatiwada, Nepal's ambassador to the 2 United States, is visiting Irving from May 14 to 15, 2021, at the 3 invitation of the Himalayan Democratic Club of Irving; and

WHEREAS, On February 6, 2021, Ambassador Khatiwada arrived in 4 5 Washington, D.C., to take up his new post; he has served his government in a number of important roles over the years, including 6 7 special economic advisor to the prime minister, minister for finance, and, simultaneously, spokesperson for the government and 8 minister for information and communications; in addition, he is a 9 former member of the Nepalese National Assembly, and he served 10 11 twice as vice chair of the National Planning Commission; and

12 WHEREAS, Ambassador Khatiwada has extensive experience in economics and finance; from 2006 to 2009, he was a senior economist 13 14 at the regional center of the United Nations Development Programme for Asia and the Pacific, and during his career in the banking 15 16 industry, he rose to become governor of Nepal Rastra Bank, the central bank of Nepal; he holds a doctorate in monetary economics 17 from the University of Delhi's Delhi School of Economics, as well as 18 master's degrees in both economics and public administration from 19 20 Tribhuvan University; and

21 WHEREAS, Among his many accolades, Ambassador Khatiwada has 22 received such national awards as the Suprabal Gorkha Dakshin Bahu, 23 Sukirtimaya Rastra Deep, and Prasiddha Prabal Jana Sewa Shree, 24 conferred by the president of Nepal for his outstanding public

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1 service in various capacities; and

2 WHEREAS, Ambassador Khatiwada has greatly distinguished 3 himself at the highest levels through his ability and expertise, 4 and it is indeed a pleasure to welcome him to the Lone Star State; 5 now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas 7 Legislature hereby honor Dr. Yuba Raj Khatiwada, Nepal's 8 ambassador to the United States, on the occasion of his visit to 9 Irving and extend to him sincere best wishes for a memorable and 10 enjoyable experience; and, be it further

11 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be 12 prepared for Ambassador Khatiwada as an expression of high regard 13 by the Texas House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1082 was adopted by the House on May 14, 2021, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House