R E S O L U T I O N

1   WHEREAS, The festival of Diwali, a holiday celebrated by
2 followers of Hinduism, Jainism, and Sikhism, is taking place during
3 the last week of October 2022; and
4   WHEREAS, For people of these faiths, Diwali represents the
5 symbolic victory of light over darkness; while celebrants observe
6 different national, regional, and religious customs, the
7 five-day-long event is generally regarded as a time of happiness
8 and benevolence, when people come together and express gratitude
9 for their blessings; and
10   WHEREAS, Among Hindus, a common Diwali custom is to light
11 diyas, or small lamps filled with oils; the custom is performed to
12 invite Lakshmi, the goddess of wealth, into one's home, and
13 throughout the festival, diyas are also lit and placed around
14 temples and floated down rivers and streams; in the Jain community,
15 Diwali represents the enlightenment and liberation of the spiritual
16 teacher Mahavira from the cycle of life and death, with the
17 illumination of lamps around homes symbolizing the light of
18 Mahavira's holy knowledge; for the Sikhs, Diwali commemorates an
19 important event in the Sikh tradition, the release of a prominent
20 holy figure, Guru Hargobind, from imprisonment; and
21   WHEREAS, Celebrated by more than a billion people across the
22 globe, Diwali is a holiday that is richly varied in its customs,
23 rituals, and significance, and it is fitting to acknowledge the
24 great importance that Diwali has to those of the Hindu, Jain, and

1 Sikh faiths who reside in the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

2   RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas

3 Legislature hereby recognize the festival of Diwali 2022 and extend

4 to all those participating in the observance sincere best wishes

5 for a meaningful and memorable occasion.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1186 was adopted by the House on May 23, 2021, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House