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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Thousands of families of the Hindu faith reside in  
2 House District 26 and throughout the state of Texas, and their  
3 religious traditions add to the rich cultural diversity found in  
4 the Lone Star State; and

5           WHEREAS, Hindu New Year, an occasion celebrated by Hindus in  
6 India and by Hindus of other nationalities, takes place during the  
7 month of Chaitra, typically between March and April, according to  
8 the Hindu calendar; and

9           WHEREAS, Hindus from different regions of India observe the  
10 New Year at different times and call it by many names, among them  
11 *Varsha Pratipada, Yugadi, Ugadi, Gudi Padwa, Baisakhi, Bihu,*  
12 *Puthandu, Vishu, Pana Sankranti, and Pohela Boishakh;* the Hindu New  
13 Year is commonly associated with spring and is accompanied by  
14 customs that vary from region to region, which include decorating  
15 homes with vibrant flowers, eating special foods, and enjoying  
16 other regional festivities with unique colors, rituals, and music;  
17 and

18           WHEREAS, Our state is enriched immeasurably by the  
19 contributions of Hindu Americans, a large and multifaceted  
20 population with a lush tapestry of beliefs and practices, and Hindu  
21 New Year is an important and much-anticipated event for Hindus who  
22 call Texas home; now, therefore, be it

23           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas  
24 Legislature hereby recognize April 1, 2022, as Hindu New Year and

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1 extend to Hindus across the state of Texas sincere best wishes for a  
2 joyous and memorable celebration.