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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Hindu New Year is being observed on March 22, 2023;  
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3 WHEREAS, An occasion celebrated by Hindus in India and by  
4 Hindus of other nationalities, Hindu New Year takes place during  
5 the month of Chaitra, typically between March and April, according  
6 to the Hindu calendar; and

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

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

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas  
22 Legislature hereby recognize March 22, 2023, as Hindu New Year and  
23 extend to Hindus across the state of Texas sincere best wishes for a  
24 joyous and memorable celebration.