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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Nowruz is being observed by many Texans and a
2 variety of faith groups on March 21, 2023, including Muslims,
3 Baha'is, and Zoroastrians; and

4 WHEREAS, This festival celebrates the first day of Spring,
5 which is observed by many communities, particularly in Central and
6 South Asia; and

7 WHEREAS, the origin of the celebration can be traced back to
8 ancient Persia, being the first day of the Persian solar year; and

9 WHEREAS, Nowruz commemorates a centuries-old agrarian custom
10 that over time was integrated into various cultures and faith
11 groups; and

12 WHEREAS, Nowruz is traditionally celebrated by the recital of
13 devotional poetry, prayers, and the distribution of dried fruits,
14 nuts, and grains to symbolize the abundance of sustenance; and

15 WHEREAS, Today, Nowruz is celebrated in different ways by
16 some 300 million people around the world, traditionally started
17 with a Spring cleaning of the house; and

18 WHEREAS, The moment that the sun crosses the celestial
19 equator, referred to as Saal Tahvil, or, "The turning point of the
20 year," families gather together around the Haft Seen table to
21 exchange gifts, offer prayers, and wish one another a Happy Nowruz;
22 now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
24 Legislature hereby commemorate Nowruz 2023 and extend a joyous and

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1 memorable celebration to all those who celebrate.