

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Members of the Pakistani American community are
2 gathering in Austin on March 20, 2023, for Pakistan Day of Action at
3 the State Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, Located in the northwest region of the Indo-Pak
5 subcontinent, Pakistan encompasses the Indus Valley and other areas
6 near the Indus River, which were home to some of the world's
7 earliest civilizations; emigration from the region dates as far
8 back as 3,000 B.C.; Pakistan became an independent country in 1947,
9 and Pakistani emigrants have made invaluable contributions to
10 countries around the globe; and

11 WHEREAS, Pakistan and the United States have shared seven and
12 a half decades of diplomatic relations, which have included such
13 events as Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson's 1961 visit to
14 Pakistan, President Mohammad Ayub Khan's 1961 State visit to the
15 U.S., during which he addressed a joint session of the Texas
16 Legislature as well as a joint meeting of Congress, President
17 Lyndon B. Johnson's 1967 visit to Pakistan, President Muhammed Zia
18 ul-Haq's 1982 State visit to the U.S., during which he visited
19 Houston, and President George W. Bush's 2006 visit to Pakistan;
20 highlighting Pakistani, American, and Texan hospitality, the
21 visits were momentous occasions in the history of U.S. and Pakistan
22 relations; and

23 WHEREAS, Today, more than 600,000 Pakistani Americans reside
24 in the U.S., and Texas is home to over 87,000 individuals of

1 Pakistani heritage, with large populations of Pakistani Texans
2 residing in the state's major metropolitan areas, including Austin,
3 Dallas-Fort Worth, Houston, and San Antonio; and

4 WHEREAS, The U.S. is Pakistan's largest trading partner, and
5 Texas makes up the fourth-largest portion of that bilateral trade;
6 Texas and Pakistan benefit from a number of mutual exchanges,
7 including the ATX+PAK Entrepreneurship program and the
8 U.S.-Pakistan Women's Council Future of Women in Energy Scholars
9 program; moreover, partnerships between The University of Texas at
10 Austin and several universities in Pakistan, such as the National
11 College of Art in Lahore, the University of Karachi, the National
12 Academy of Performing Arts in Karachi, and the Fatima Jinnah Women
13 University in Islamabad, have resulted in faculty and student
14 exchanges in the fields of film studies, music, performing arts,
15 and social sciences; and

16 WHEREAS, Pakistan has one of the world's youngest
17 populations, with about 63 percent of the nation's citizens being
18 between the ages of 15 and 33; Texas businesses can utilize the
19 country's highly skilled young professionals to advance the state's
20 economy, particularly in the information technology and biotech
21 industries; and

22 WHEREAS, Members of the Pakistani American community
23 contribute to the vibrancy and prosperity of the Lone Star State in
24 myriad ways, and the participants in this advocacy day are
25 demonstrating their commitment to making an even more positive
26 impact through active civic engagement; now, therefore, be it

27 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas

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1 Legislature hereby recognize Pakistan Day of Action at the State
2 Capitol on March 20, 2023, and extend a warm welcome to the Consul
3 General of Pakistan, the Pakistani American Collaborative of Texas,
4 the Pakistani Society of North Texas, the Pakistani Association of
5 Greater Houston, and the other members of the visiting delegation.

Bhojani
Lalani
Bucy
Meza
Jetton

Phelan	Guerra	Murr
Allen	Guillen	Neave Criado
Allison	Harless	Noble
Anchía	Harris of Anderson	Oliverson
Anderson	Harris of Williamson	Ordaz
Ashby	Harrison	Orr
Bailes	Hayes	Ortega
Bell of Kaufman	Hefner	Patterson
Bell of Montgomery	Hernandez	Paul
Bernal	Herrero	Perez
Bhojani	Hinojosa	Plesa
Bonnen	Holland	Price
Bowers	Howard	Ramos
Bryant	Hull	Raney
Buckley	Hunter	Raymond
Bucy	Isaac	Reynolds
Bumgarner	Jetton	Rogers
Burns	Johnson of Dallas	Romero, Jr.
Burrows	A. Johnson of Harris	Rose
Button	J. Johnson of Harris	Rosenthal
Cain	Jones of Dallas	Schaefer
Campos	Jones of Harris	Schatzline
Canales	Kacal	Schofield
Capriglione	King of Hemphill	Shaheen
Clardy	King of Uvalde	Sherman, Sr.
Cole	Kitzman	Shine
Collier	Klick	Slaton
Cook	Kuempel	Slawson
Cortez	Lalani	Smith
Craddick	Lambert	Smithee
Cunningham	Landgraf	Spiller
Darby	Leach	Stucky
Davis	Leo-Wilson	Swanson
Dean	Longoria	Talarico
DeAyala	Lopez of Bexar	Tepper
Dorazio	Lopez of Cameron	Thierry
Dutton	Lozano	Thimesch
Flores	Lujan	Thompson of Brazoria
Frank	Manuel	Thompson of Harris
Frazier	Martinez	Tinderholt
Gamez	Martinez Fischer	Toth
Garcia	Metcalf	Troxclair
Gates	Meyer	Turner
Gerdes	Meza	VanDeaver
Geren	Moody	Vasut
Gervin-Hawkins	Morales of Harris	Vo
Goldman	Morales of Maverick	Walle
González of Dallas	Morales Shaw	Wilson
González of El Paso	Morrison	Wu
Goodwin	Muñoz, Jr.	Zwiener

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 600 was adopted by the House on March 20, 2023, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House