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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS Sikhs have been an influential and impactful part of
2 Texas since before the turn of the twentieth century, and have
3 persevered and flourished while contributing to the growth and
4 success of the Lone Star State, and

5 WHEREAS in April, Sikhs around the world celebrate Baisakhi,
6 the day of creation of the Khalsa, in 1699 by Guru Gobind Singh,
7 which cemented the disciplines, traditions, and articles of the
8 Sikh faith, and

9 WHEREAS, During the observance of Baisakhi, which falls on
10 April 14th, 2023, Sikhs visit their place of worship known as a
11 Gurdwara, read their eternal scripture - The Guru Granth Sahib, and
12 take part in parades and martial arts processions known as Nagar
13 Kirtans; moreover, large celebrations take place globally
14 including in Anandpur Sahib, Punjab, the birthplace of the Khalsa;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, Sikh Americans have made a welcome contribution to
17 our nation through their many good deeds and achievements, and the
18 joyous occasion of Baisakhi provides a fitting opportunity to
19 recognize the vibrant Sikh community that resides in the Lone Star
20 State; now, therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, that the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
22 Legislature hereby recognize the Sikh Baisakhi festival, and extend
23 best wishes to the Sikh community across Texas for a joyous
24 celebration and meaningful observance of this occasion.