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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Refugee Advocacy Day is being recognized at the
2 State Capitol on April 20, 2023; and

3 WHEREAS, Over the years, Texans have demonstrated compassion
4 and public spirit in welcoming refugees to the Lone Star State; in
5 turn, those refugees have helped to strengthen the state's economy,
6 contributing to the success of hundreds of Texas companies and
7 stimulating the market with a spending power of some \$4.6 billion;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, Embodying the resilience, determination, and
10 optimism that have always defined the American spirit, many
11 refugees have gone on to become business owners and industry
12 leaders; in addition, the taxes they pay more than compensate for
13 their use of shared public services, with refugees on average
14 contributing a net amount of \$21,000 during their first 20 years in
15 the country; and

16 WHEREAS, Refugees resettled in Texas add to the economic and
17 cultural richness of our state, and the individuals and
18 organizations who have helped refugees rebuild their lives here are
19 indeed deserving of acknowledgment for setting a humanitarian
20 example that is respected and admired around the world; now,
21 therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
23 Legislature hereby recognize April 20, 2023, as Refugee Advocacy
24 Day at the State Capitol and extend to all those participating in

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1 this event sincere best wishes for the future.