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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Falun Dafa, also known as Falun Gong, is a spiritual
2 practice rooted in ancient Chinese culture and Buddhist traditions,
3 which millions of people around the world have incorporated into
4 their lives; and

5 WHEREAS, In 1992, Falun Dafa was introduced to the public in
6 China by founder Li Hongzhi; by the end of the decade, it had
7 attracted around 100 million followers, and today it is practiced
8 in more than 70 countries across the globe; and

9 WHEREAS, Falun Dafa emphasizes the attainment of spiritual
10 growth through the study of Falun Dafa teachings and through gentle
11 exercises and meditation; its teachings encourage learners to let
12 go of unhealthy attachments as they strive to attune their lives to
13 the universal qualities of truth, compassion, and forbearance; and

14 WHEREAS, Since 1999, tens of millions of Falun Dafa
15 practitioners in China have been persecuted for their beliefs and
16 have lived under the threat of abduction, imprisonment, or worse;
17 Falun Dafa members have courageously stood up for their right to
18 practice, and in so doing, they have demonstrated the value of life
19 and human dignity in the face of oppression; and

20 WHEREAS, Li Hongzhi, the founder of Falun Dafa, has worked
21 tirelessly to convey the tenets of Falun Dafa in a way that
22 transcends cultural and racial boundaries; the movement was
23 introduced to the state of Texas in 1994, and since then, over a
24 dozen practice sites have been established within the state; local

1 Falun Dafa members have enriched the lives of many fellow Texans by
2 sharing their beliefs and practices through workshops, clubs, and
3 cultural events; and

4 WHEREAS, Followers of Falun Dafa constitute an important part
5 of the diverse cultural fabric of Texas, and Falun Dafa Day provides
6 a fitting opportunity to recognize their inspiring devotion to the
7 teachings of their faith and to the ideals of peace and freedom;
8 now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 88th Texas Legislature
10 hereby recognize May 13, 2023, as Falun Dafa Day and extend sincere
11 best wishes to all practitioners of Falun Dafa who call our state
12 home.