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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Members of the Shia Imami Ismaili Muslim community
2 are visiting the State Capitol on April 15, 2025; and

3 WHEREAS, Commonly known as the Ismailis, members of this
4 denomination belong to the Shia branch of Islam, one of the
5 religion's two major interpretations; the Ismailis number as many
6 as 15 million in over 35 countries around the world; and

7 WHEREAS, The Ismailis have been guided by a hereditary imam
8 throughout a history that spans 1,400 years; their first leader,
9 Imam Ali, was a cousin and the son-in-law of the Prophet Muhammad;
10 today, they benefit by the wisdom and compassion of the 50th imam,
11 His Highness Prince Rahim Aga Khan V, known to them as Mawlana Hazar
12 Imam; a noted philanthropist, he meets regularly with leaders of
13 government, international organizations, and civil society to
14 strengthen their relations with the Ismaili Imamat and to advance
15 endeavors in behalf of the most vulnerable; he closely follows the
16 work of the Institute of Ismaili Studies and the Ismaili
17 community's social governance institutions; and

18 WHEREAS, Under the leadership of the imam, the Ismailis have
19 created a well-defined institutional framework through which they
20 have established schools, hospitals, health centers, housing
21 organizations, and a variety of social and economic development
22 institutions; these efforts are undertaken for the common good of
23 all people, regardless of race or religion; Ismailis the world over
24 are committed to responsible citizenship, embracing pluralism, and

1 building bridges of peace and understanding; and

2 WHEREAS, Members of the Ismaili community in Texas express
3 their faith by giving generously of their time, talents, and
4 material resources to improve the lives of others, and it is indeed
5 fitting to recognize their contributions; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas
7 Legislature hereby recognize April 15, 2025, as Ismaili Day at the
8 State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation sincere best
9 wishes for a memorable and enjoyable experience in Austin.