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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Nepali Lumbini Advocacy Day is taking place at the  
2 State Capitol on March 13, 2025, providing a fitting opportunity to  
3 recognize the many contributions of the Nepalese American community  
4 in Texas and to celebrate the rich history of the province of  
5 Lumbini in Nepal; and

6 WHEREAS, The United States and Nepal have enjoyed a strong  
7 and productive friendship for 77 years; on April 25, 1947, the  
8 U.S. became the second country to establish diplomatic relations  
9 with Nepal, which opened its embassy in Washington, D.C., in 1958;  
10 the American Embassy in Kathmandu began operations the following  
11 year; since that time, many Americans and Nepalis have formed  
12 people-to-people connections through educational and cultural  
13 exchanges; and

14 WHEREAS, One of the most sacred locations in Buddhism,  
15 Lumbini is recognized as the birthplace of Siddhartha Gautama, who  
16 became the Buddha; the area has been named a UNESCO World Heritage  
17 Site, and it is a major spiritual destination for people of the  
18 Buddhist faith; and

19 WHEREAS, Lumbini attracts millions of pilgrims and tourists  
20 annually, and it serves as a research center for scholars and  
21 archeologists; the area features such attractions as monasteries,  
22 temples, and historical landmarks, including the Maya Devi Temple,  
23 which marks the location of the Buddha's birth; and

24 WHEREAS, The Nepalese American community plays a vital role

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1 in the business, professional, and cultural life of Texas, and the  
2 participants in this advocacy day are demonstrating their  
3 commitment to making an even greater positive impact in the years  
4 ahead; now, therefore, be it

5       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas  
6 Legislature hereby recognize March 13, 2025, as Nepali Lumbini  
7 Advocacy Day at the State Capitol and extend a warm welcome to the  
8 visiting delegation.