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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Desi Day of Action at the State Capitol is taking
2 place on March 25, 2025, and this advocacy day provides an
3 opportunity for South Asian Texans to raise awareness of the issues
4 important to them while also highlighting the many organizations
5 that are furthering South Asian engagement in civic affairs; and

6 WHEREAS, The term "Desi" is commonly used among various
7 groups of individuals of South Asian ancestry, in particular those
8 who live outside of that region; it stems from the Sanskrit word
9 *desh*, which means country; and

10 WHEREAS, Encompassing numerous nations in the Indian
11 subcontinent, South Asia is home to a diverse set of cultures;
12 several hundred languages and dialects are spoken there, and some
13 of the most popular are Hindi, Bengali, Urdu, Tamil, and Punjabi;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, With more than 760,000 South Asian people living in
16 Texas, they are one of the fastest-growing minority populations in
17 the state; these residents help to drive economic growth through
18 their vital work in various industries, including technology,
19 health care, and business; in addition, they have introduced such
20 vibrant festivals as Diwali and Eid, and they are engaged in
21 political activism and voter mobilization efforts; and

22 WHEREAS, Members of the South Asian community contribute to
23 the vibrancy and prosperity of the Lone Star State in myriad ways,
24 and the participants in this advocacy day are demonstrating their

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1 commitment to making an even greater positive impact in the years
2 ahead; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas
4 Legislature hereby recognize March 25, 2025, as Desi Day of Action
5 at the State Capitol.