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H. RES. 1088

Designating “National Zoroastrian Day” on the day of the vernal equinox
of each year.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CORREA submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the
Committee on Oversight and Accountability

RESOLUTION

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vernal equinox of each year.

Whereas Zoroastrianism is regarded as one of the world’s
oldest monotheistic religions, originating in ancient Per-
sia;

Whereas the Zoroastrian legacy includes contributions to his-
tory, civilization, and influencing the development of
world democracy by upholding universal human rights;

Whereas Zoroastrians developed a blueprint for governing a
multicultural society focused on recognition of diversity;

Whereas Zoroastrians were among the first to exercise legal
concepts with respect for the law, such as representation
by an attorney, arbitration, and execution of wills;

Whereas Cyrus the Great, a follower of Zoroastrianism, recorded the first declaration of human rights on the Cyrus Cylinder in 539 B.C.E.;

Whereas the Zoroastrian declaration of human rights, focusing on freedom of religion, cultural and civil rights, and abolishment of slavery, influenced the American Founding Fathers and the United States Constitution;

Whereas Zoroastrianism has an estimated 100,000 to 200,000 worshipers worldwide, with over 14,000 Zoroastrians residing in the United States of America;

Whereas the spring festival of Nowruz, also referred to as “Navrus” or “Novruz”, which celebrates the new year, is held on the day of the vernal equinox, and is the most auspicious day in the Zoroastrian calendar; and

Whereas the festival is rooted in celebrating the triumph of light over darkness: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives supports
- 2 the designation of “National Zoroastrian Day”.

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