

Senate Resolution 1022

By: Senators Rahman of the 5th, Orrock of the 36th, Harbison of the 15th, Howard of the 35th, Rhett of the 33rd and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the 2026 Walk for Peace; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, in a time of great change and reflection for our nation, people across Texas and
3 the United States are seeking ways to promote unity, healing, and peace in our communities;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, the 2026 Walk for Peace was a 2,300-mile spiritual and patriotic pilgrimage that
6 began at the Huong Dao Vipassana Bhavana Center in Fort Worth, Texas, and traveled on
7 foot through nine states to the White House in Washington, D.C.; and

8 WHEREAS, this historic journey was led by Bhikkhu Pannakara, accompanied by 19
9 Buddhist monks, and Aloka, the "Peace Dog," embodying the timeless values of the Buddhist
10 tradition-wisdom, compassion, and mindfulness while also honoring deeply held American
11 principles of unity, personal responsibility, and mutual respect; and

12 WHEREAS, this mindful journey sought to promote compassion, unity, and community
13 healing through peaceful presence, intentional walking, and engagement with local residents;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, during this critical time when communities across our nation are facing rising
16 mental health challenges, divisions, and global uncertainty, the 2026 Walk for Peace serves
17 as a reminder that peace is not merely a destination but a practice that begins within and
18 radiates outward to families, communities, and nations; and

19 WHEREAS, ending on February 11, 2026, the Walk for Peace represented an open invitation
20 to people of all faiths, backgrounds, and beliefs to join in a shared aspiration: to live with
21 greater compassion, mutual respect, and understanding.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
23 honor the 2026 Walk for Peace and extend sincere best wishes to all its participants for future
24 health and happiness.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
26 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the public and the
27 press.