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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, March 2 marks the anniversary of that historic day
2 in 1836 when residents of Texas officially declared their
3 independence from Mexico, thereby giving birth to the independent
4 republic that would stand on its own for more than nine years before
5 becoming the 28th state of the United States of America; and

6 WHEREAS, The proud Texans who issued the call for
7 independence were impelled by Mexican dictator Antonio López de
8 Santa Anna's adoption of a new constitution in 1836, which
9 eliminated all vestiges of states' rights for Texas and other
10 Mexican states; members of the Convention of 1836 met at
11 Washington-on-the-Brazos on March 1 of that fateful year and wrote
12 the Texas Declaration of Independence; as they gathered, the
13 valiant defenders of the Alamo were facing off against the troops of
14 Santa Anna, and the Texas revolutionaries had reached a crucial
15 point in their campaign for greater political freedom; and

16 WHEREAS, A free and independent Republic of Texas was
17 officially declared on March 2, 1836; stating the views of the
18 delegates in no uncertain terms, the Texas Declaration of
19 Independence listed their grievances against the Mexican
20 government and announced their bold conclusion: "*that the people of*
21 *Texas do now constitute a free, Sovereign, and independent*
22 *republic, and are fully invested with all the rights and attributes*
23 *which properly belong to independent nations*"; and

24 WHEREAS, Winning that independence on the battlefield would

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1 take another six weeks and the lives of many brave Texans, but with
2 this remarkable proclamation, the 59 signatories of the Texas
3 Declaration of Independence had enunciated a vision of liberty,
4 independence, and just government and charted a dramatic new course
5 for the land they called home; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
7 Legislature hereby commemorate Texas Independence Day 2022 and pay
8 tribute to the immense contributions of those individuals who
9 helped to found the Republic of Texas.