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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Across the Lone Star State, many Texans will  
2 celebrate El Día de los Muertos in the autumn of 2021; and

3           WHEREAS, El Día de los Muertos, or the Day of the Dead, is a  
4 traditional Mexican holiday observed November 1 and 2; a blend of  
5 Mesoamerican ritual, European religion, and Spanish culture, the  
6 holiday has roots that go back 3,000 years, to the ancient cultures  
7 of the Aztecs and other peoples of pre-Columbian America; it is a  
8 time to recognize death as a natural part of the cycle of life, and  
9 festivities often include facial makeup, costumes, and revelry; and

10           WHEREAS, During El Día de los Muertos, it is believed that the  
11 border between the worlds of the living and the dead dissolve, and  
12 the souls of the dead can return to eat, drink, dance, and make  
13 music with their loved ones; traditionally, participants welcome  
14 the departed by building makeshift altars called *ofrendas* and  
15 adorning them with offerings of flowers, photographs, favorite  
16 foods, candles, and other objects; and

17           WHEREAS, Among the most prominent symbols of the holiday are  
18 *calacas* (skeletons) and *calaveras* (skulls), and in 1910, the  
19 satirical cartoonist José Guadalupe Posada created La Calavera  
20 Catrina, or the Elegant Skull, a female skeleton with makeup and  
21 fancy clothes which has become one of the most iconic images of the  
22 holiday; and

23           WHEREAS, Each year on El Día de los Muertos, friends and  
24 family gather in a celebration that is both solemn and joyful, and

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1 the holiday in 2021 represents a fine opportunity for all Texans to  
2 honor the dead and rejoice in another year of life; now, therefore,  
3 be it

4           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas  
5 Legislature hereby commemorate El Día de los Muertos 2021 and  
6 extend to all who participate sincere best wishes for a meaningful  
7 and memorable holiday.