

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, On November 13, 2021, the San Jacinto Battlefield
2 was set aglow with thousands of luminaries in remembrance of Texans
3 who have given their lives in armed conflict, an event that marked
4 the first ever Texas Memorial Illumination; and

5 WHEREAS, Volunteers assembled and placed 21,500 luminaries
6 on the fields of the historic San Jacinto Battlefield, representing
7 the number of Texans who have made the ultimate sacrifice from the
8 days of the Texas Revolution through the recent military operations
9 in Afghanistan; presented by the San Jacinto Museum, the inaugural
10 Texas Memorial Illumination was made even more meaningful by its
11 location at the San Jacinto Battlefield, the site of the decisive
12 battle for Texas' independence and home to the towering
13 567-foot-tall San Jacinto Monument; and

14 WHEREAS, The luminaries served as an artful depiction of what
15 President Abraham Lincoln called "the last full measure of
16 devotion," reminding attendees of the true price of freedom and the
17 sacrifices of those who have helped preserve it; inspired by the
18 annual memorial illumination ceremony that takes place at the
19 Antietam National Battlefield in Maryland, the event represented
20 the first such ceremony held at a battlefield in the state of Texas;
21 and

22 WHEREAS, The inaugural Texas Memorial Illumination was a
23 solemn and moving tribute to those to whom we owe an eternal debt of
24 gratitude, and it is fitting that all Texans join in recognizing the

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1 lasting legacy of their contributions to our state and nation; now,
2 therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
4 Legislature, 4th Called Session, hereby recognize the first
5 Saturday after Veterans Day as Texas Memorial Illumination Day.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 91 was adopted by the House on
December 5, 2023, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House