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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The United States was established on principles of
2 religious freedom, and our founding fathers looked to their faith
3 for blessings and guidance as they worked to build an independent
4 nation with liberty and justice for all; and

5 WHEREAS, Millions of Americans are adherents of
6 Christianity, and that religious heritage has played a significant
7 role throughout our country's history; this influence is documented
8 in government records, including colonial charters, early laws,
9 original state constitutions, and hundreds of state and federal
10 court cases; and

11 WHEREAS, Through the centuries, a host of major American
12 historical figures have relied on Christian traditions, tenets, and
13 values to guide their actions and have stressed the importance of
14 those principles when addressing their fellow citizens; such
15 individuals as George Washington, Abigail and John Adams, James
16 Madison, Abraham Lincoln, Harry S. Truman, and Dwight D. Eisenhower
17 drew strength from their Christian beliefs, and these prominent men
18 and women, like countless other Americans, did not hesitate to
19 express their faith; and

20 WHEREAS, Public officials across the country, at all levels,
21 have acknowledged this meaningful influence through the observance
22 of Christian Heritage Week; the occasion serves to highlight the
23 immeasurable impact of Christianity on our nation, from the
24 fellowship and good works offered by local churches to the respite

1 from life's ordinary travails afforded by religious holidays and
2 rituals; the continued vitality of this faith tradition is
3 evidenced by the ongoing proliferation of Christian houses of
4 worship, charities, ministries, missions, and schools; and

5 WHEREAS, The celebration of Christian Heritage Week provides
6 opportunities for adherents of the religion to more deeply examine
7 its vital role in society and for people of all faiths to learn more
8 about the rich fabric of our nation's history; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the 88th Legislature of the State of Texas
10 hereby designate the second to last week in April as Texas Christian
11 Heritage Week; and, be it further

12 RESOLVED, That, in accordance with the provisions of Section
13 [391.004\(d\)](#), Government Code, this designation remain in effect
14 until the 10th anniversary of the date this resolution is finally
15 passed by the legislature.