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## RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Each year, Texans join in celebrating the Fourth of

2 July in honor of the day America's founding fathers adopted one of

3 the landmark documents of modern history, the Declaration of

4 Independence; and

5 WHEREAS, Independence Day gatherings are a beloved American

6 tradition, one that brings together citizens of many different

7 backgrounds and that fosters a welcome sense of community; at such

8 times, the Stars and Stripes waves proudly as individuals across

9 the country pause to reflect on the ideals that undergird the great

10 American experiment, a government of the people, by the people, and

11 for the people; and

WHEREAS, The dream envisioned by this nation's founders has

13 not been secured without tremendous cost; from the colonial

14 militias who skirmished with muskets to the brave men and women who

15 serve today in the world's most sophisticated fighting force, the

16 sacrifices of our troops have been extraordinary; we can never

17 fully repay the debt owed to our military personnel for the service

18 they have rendered or to their families for the deprivations they

19 have endured; nonetheless, on this special day we extend our

20 heartfelt gratitude and profound respect to those on the front

21 lines and to their loved ones on the home front; and

WHEREAS, The Fourth of July serves as a reminder of the solemn

promise of freedom that has defined America since the delegates of

24 the Continental Congress made their famous declaration in 1776; as

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- 1 Texans gather to celebrate Independence Day in 2023, we will give
- 2 thanks for the blessing of self-government and pledge anew to
- 3 uphold the principles of life, liberty, and the pursuit of
- 4 happiness, axioms so eloquently affirmed at the birth of our
- 5 nation; now, therefore, be it
- 6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
- 7 Legislature hereby commemorate the Fourth of July, 2023.