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SENATE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to join the citizens of Texas and Fort Bend County in celebrating Lamar Day on January 26, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Lamar Day honors and commemorates the life of Mirabeau Buonaparte Lamar, the second president of the Republic of Texas; a literary visionary, pioneer, and early resident of Richmond and Fort Bend County, Lamar was instrumental in the formation of the Republic of Texas; and

WHEREAS, Lamar was elected president of the Republic of Texas on December 10, 1838, after serving as vice president alongside President Sam Houston; during his administration, Lamar presided over challenges including threats of reconquest from Mexico, retaliatory attacks from Native American tribes, an empty treasury, and a depreciated currency; and

WHEREAS, President Lamar championed a public education system based on the endowment of land grants, and his vision for the school system solidified his legacy decades later as the Father of Texas Education; following his retirement as president in 1841, he lobbied the United States Congress for the annexation of Texas, fought in the Mexican-American War, created a municipal government in Laredo, and eventually represented Nueces and San Patricio Counties in the 2nd Texas Legislature; and

WHEREAS, Every year, the citizens of Richmond and Fort

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Bend County celebrate the life of Mirabeau B. Lamar and pay tribute to his service and devotion to Texas; the graveside ceremony at Morton Cemetary in Richmond honors his legacy and his leadership as the second president of the Republic of Texas and celebrates the rich history of the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 88th Legislature, hereby commend the participants of Lamar Day on their Texas pride and extend to all best wishes for a memorable Lamar Day celebration; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared in honor of this special occasion.