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RESOLUTION

- 1 WHEREAS, The State of Texas takes great pleasure in paying
- 2 tribute to the life of Colonel Juan N. Seguin, one of the foremost
- 3 heroes of the Texas Revolution, who is being honored, along with all
- 4 the heroes of the battle of San Jacinto, with the Second Annual Col.
- 5 Juan N. Seguin Memorial Picnic on October 25, 2003; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Born in what is now San Antonio on October 27, 1806,
- 7 the oldest son of Erasmo Seguin, Colonel Juan N. Seguin followed the
- 8 lead of his father by being a friend to the new settlers who came to
- 9 Texas with Stephen F. Austin; and
- 10 WHEREAS, During the years before and during the war for Texas
- 11 independence, he took charge of foraging expeditions to feed the
- 12 Texas army, joined Stephen F. Austin near San Antonio with
- 13 recruits, and fought with James Bowie at the battle of Concepción;
- 14 and
- WHEREAS, Commissioned as a captain in the regular cavalry at
- 16 the beginning of 1836, Captain Seguin was in charge of the Texans'
- 17 rear guard following the fall of the Alamo; he had orders to leave
- 18 no family behind, and he helped delay the crossing of the Brazos
- 19 River by Santa Anna, thus giving Sam Houston and the Texas army time
- 20 to retreat to San Jacinto, where they ultimately made their
- 21 victorious stand; and
- WHEREAS, Honorably discharged from the army with the rank of
- 23 lieutenant colonel in 1838, Colonel Seguin claimed his seat as a
- 24 senator in the second, third, and fourth congresses of the

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- 1 republic; during his tenure as senator, he presented bills that
- 2 established a mail route from Austin to San Antonio and that would
- 3 have required that the laws of Texas be written in both English and
- 4 Spanish; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Colonel Juan N. Seguin has earned lasting fame for
- 6 his outstanding military and political contributions to the
- 7 establishment and development of the Republic of Texas, and he is
- 8 manifestly deserving of the respect accorded to patriots; now,
- 9 therefore, be it
- 10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
- 11 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby honor the life of Colonel
- 12 Juan N. Seguin and express appreciation for his important
- 13 achievements as a Tejano hero of Texas; and, be it further
- 14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 15 prepared for the Seguin Descendants Historical Preservation as an
- 16 expression of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.

Davis of Harris

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 41 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on September 22, 2003.

Chief Clerk of the House