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H.R. No. 41

R E S O L U T I O N

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

15 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

22 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

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.