

1-1 By: Miller, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Deuell) H.B. No. 575
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 10, 2003;
1-3 April 14, 2003, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 Education; May 26, 2003, reported favorably by the following vote:
1-5 Yeas 7, Nays 0; May 26, 2003, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to displaying or reading from certain historical texts in
1-9 public schools.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 28, Education Code, is
1-12 amended by adding Section 28.010 to read as follows:

1-13 Sec. 28.010. READING FROM OR DISPLAY OF CERTAIN HISTORICAL
1-14 TEXTS. In order to ensure that students understand and appreciate
1-15 the histories of the United States and Texas, an educator at an
1-16 elementary or secondary school, including an open-enrollment
1-17 charter school, may read from or display any of the following
1-18 historical texts in the school building in which the educator is
1-19 employed:

1-20 (1) the United States national motto;
1-21 (2) the United States national anthem;
1-22 (3) the United States pledge of allegiance;
1-23 (4) the preamble to the Texas Constitution;
1-24 (5) the United States Declaration of Independence or

1-25 the Texas Declaration of Independence;

1-26 (6) the Mayflower Compact;
1-27 (7) any writings, speeches, documents, or

1-28 proclamations of the original signers of the United States
1-29 Declaration of Independence or the Texas Declaration of
1-30 Independence, presidents or vice presidents of the United States,
1-31 presidents or vice presidents of the Republic of Texas, governors
1-32 of Texas throughout its history, members of the women's suffrage
1-33 movement, or members of the civil rights movement;

1-34 (8) any published decision of the United States
1-35 Supreme Court or Texas Supreme Court, including any decision
1-36 related to prayer in public school;

1-37 (9) any laws or resolutions passed by the United
1-38 States Congress or Texas Legislature;

1-39 (10) documents that acknowledge the contributions of
1-40 women and people of color to the United States and Texas;

1-41 (11) documents that acknowledge the contributions of
1-42 Native Americans; or

1-43 (12) any writing or other document that acknowledges
1-44 the contributions of an individual honored by a holiday of this
1-45 state.

1-46 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

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