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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Law Day is celebrated annually in the United States  
2 as a means of expressing appreciation for this country's heritage  
3 of liberty and reaffirming the nation's dedication to justice and  
4 equality under the law; and

5 WHEREAS, President Dwight D. Eisenhower established Law Day  
6 USA in 1958, and in 1961 the United States Congress designated May 1  
7 of each year as the date for its observance; the American Bar  
8 Association sponsors Law Day, and Team Lackland, composed of the  
9 59th Medical Wing, the 37th Training Wing, and the 67th Information  
10 Operations Wing, United States Air Force, is working to promote Law  
11 Day awareness; and

12 WHEREAS, Central to the American ideal of the rule of law is a  
13 fair and impartial judiciary, and therefore the theme of Law Day  
14 2003 is "Celebrate Your Freedom: Independent Courts Protect Our  
15 Liberties"; and

16 WHEREAS, In order to operate successfully, the American  
17 system of checks and balances requires an independent judiciary,  
18 one that is able to engage in deliberate contemplation and that is  
19 free from interference and oversight; the judicial framework in  
20 America has been designed to promote that independence while also  
21 providing for accountability in matters of professional integrity  
22 and competence; and

23 WHEREAS, It is vital that American citizens understand the  
24 importance of an independent judiciary and that they guard against

1 efforts intended to pressure, intimidate, or obstruct judges in the  
2 performance of their duties; and

3 WHEREAS, The ability of American courts to administer the law  
4 without fear or favor is one of the greatest bulwarks of our  
5 freedom, and the American experiment in self-government requires  
6 constant vigilance to ensure that the independence of this  
7 country's courts remains unfettered; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the 78th Legislature of the State of Texas  
9 hereby recognize May 1, 2003, as Law Day in Texas and that it warmly  
10 commend Team Lackland for its dedicated efforts to bring Texans a  
11 more thorough understanding of the law and its application during  
12 the annual observance of Law Day in the Lone Star State.