

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Each year on September 16, Mexicans and Hispanics of
2 Mexican descent celebrate Mexico's independence from Spain,
3 recalling the historic events of that day in 1810; and

4 WHEREAS, Diez y Seiz de Septiembre marks the beginning of the
5 revolution that occurred after years of oppressive rule by Spain;
6 Catholic priest and national hero Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla touched
7 off the long-simmering rebellion when he ordered the arrest of
8 native Spaniards in the town of Dolores and encouraged the
9 indigenous peoples of Mexico to overthrow the brutal Spanish
10 regime; and

11 WHEREAS, Today, Father Hidalgo is revered as the father of
12 Mexican independence, and his patriotic heroism continues to
13 inspire oppressed people of all nationalities; the legacy of this
14 remarkable man and his message of solidarity evoke heartfelt
15 feelings of pride and patriotism among those who celebrate this
16 momentous historical event; and

17 WHEREAS, *El Grito de Independencia*, or the "Shout of
18 Independence," is on the lips of those who pay homage to the courage
19 and perseverance of Father Hidalgo and his unlikely band of
20 revolutionaries, and the defiant, yet hopeful cry of "Mexicanos,
21 Viva Mexico" is uttered in proud tribute to their memory; now,
22 therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
24 Legislature hereby recognize Diez y Seiz de Septiembre, 2003, and

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1 pay tribute to the many native Mexicans who gave their lives in the
2 quest for freedom and independence.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1785 was adopted by the House on May 31, 2003, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House