

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 254

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the battleship *Texas* on the 55th anniversary of her arrival at the San Jacinto Battleground State Historic Site; and

**WHEREAS**, Commissioned in 1914, the USS *Texas* is the only surviving battleship to have served in World War I and World War II; after being decommissioned, she was docked at the San Jacinto Battleground State Historic Site in La Porte, Texas, on April 21, 1948; and

**WHEREAS**, The battleship *Texas* is a living memorial to the countless men who served aboard her in defense of their country; and

**WHEREAS**, For her service to the United States during World War I, the battleship *Texas* was awarded the World War I Victory Medal; she was also recognized for her service in World War II during the invasion of Normandy, the Iwo Jima operation, and other significant military missions; and

**WHEREAS**, The Battleship Texas Foundation promotes education, restoration, and enhancements directly related to the preservation of the *Texas*; the foundation will host a 55th anniversary celebration on April 26, 2003, to honor and to recall the illustrious history of this much revered battleship; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 78th Legislature, hereby honor the battleship *Texas* on the 55th anniversary of her arrival in Texas and recognize her as a historical treasure of the people of Texas; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for this important occasion as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 2, 2003.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate