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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Beginning more than 170 years ago, William S. Taylor
2 and his descendants have made many significant contributions to the
3 State of Texas; and

4 WHEREAS, In 1847, after serving in both the Alabama and
5 Mississippi state legislatures, Mr. Taylor joined his son, William
6 S. Taylor, Jr., in Texas; eight years later, he was elected to
7 represent Cherokee and Anderson Counties in the Texas Legislature;
8 during his second term, he was chosen as speaker of the house, a
9 position he held for two months, until illness led to his early
10 resignation; and

11 WHEREAS, William S. Taylor, Jr., settled in the state in
12 1832; after a brief stint in the army of Texas in 1835, he
13 reenlisted in early March 1836 and subsequently took part in the
14 Battle of San Jacinto; records show he participated in both the
15 skirmish on April 20 and in the decisive attack on General Santa
16 Anna on April 21; and

17 WHEREAS, For his service in the pivotal engagement of the
18 Texas Revolution, Mr. Taylor received 640 acres of land; his
19 lengthy description of the San Jacinto campaign was published in
20 the *Texas Almanac* of 1868 and has proven a valuable resource for
21 historians; on April 21, 1860, this distinguished veteran served as
22 vice president of a convention held at the San Jacinto battlefield
23 to endorse Sam Houston for the presidency of the United States; and

24 WHEREAS, Among those esteemed descendants who have carried on

1 the family's tradition of service to the state are a son of William
2 S. Taylor, Jr., a minister who traveled the area around Magnolia on
3 horseback, tending to the spiritual needs of settlers, and his son,
4 a hardworking crew member at Moonshine Hill, in the famed Humble
5 oilfield; James D. Taylor, a great-grandson of William S. Taylor,
6 Jr., is a World War II veteran who fought bravely in the Normandy
7 Invasion; and

8 WHEREAS, William S. Taylor and his descendants have greatly
9 contributed to the rich history and vital success of the Lone Star
10 State, and it is indeed a pleasure to recognize their legacy of
11 courage, leadership, and patriotism; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
13 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby honor William S. Taylor and
14 his descendants for their exemplary efforts in behalf of this state
15 and their fellow citizens; and, be it further

16 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
17 prepared for James D. Taylor as an expression of high regard by the
18 Texas House of Representatives.