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1 CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Throughout the years, the Lipan Apache Band of Texas

has played an integral role in Texas' development, and the Native

American tribes who were the first Texans have greatly enriched our

shared heritage with their culture; and

WHEREAS, The Spanish Colonial Empire built three missions for the Lipan Apache Band of Texas: the Santa Cruz de San Saba Mission in 1757, near present-day Menard, the San Lorenzo de la Santa Cruz Mission, and the Nuestra Señora de la Candelaria Mission in 1762, near present-day Camp Wood; and

WHEREAS, On August 18, 1754, the Lipan Apache bands, the Tough People of the Desert, the Big Water People, the People of the High Grass, the Rock Tied to Head People, the Many Necklaces People, and the People of the Lava Beds, all congregated at Mission San Saba in Menard for the yearly Great Buffalo Feast; and

WHEREAS, Over the years, the Lipan Apache Band of Texas signed various treaties of peace and cooperation, including the San Antonio Mission Valero de Bexar Treaty among Lipan Apaches and the Comanches on August 19, 1749; this was followed by the Lipan Apache Peace Treaty with Mexico on August 17, 1822, the Republic of Texas and the Lipan Apache Indians Treaty on January 8, 1838, the Tehuacana Creek Treaty on October 9, 1844, and the San Saba Treaty on October 28, 1851; and

WHEREAS, In the 1750s and 1760s, the Lipan Apache Many

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- 1 Necklaces People were relocated to the Choctaw Apache Tribe of
- 2 Louisiana; between the 1830s and 1870s, the Lipan Apache Big Water
- 3 People and People of the High Grass congregated in the Texas coastal
- 4 region; and
- 5 WHEREAS, From the 1870s until 1915, the Tough People of the
- 6 Desert, the Big Water People, and the People of the Lava Beds were
- 7 relocated to the Mescalero Apache Tribe of New Mexico and the Kiowa
- 8 Apache Tribe of Oklahoma; in 1873, Colonel Ronald Mackenzie and 400
- 9 troops forced the relocation of some of the Lipan Apaches to the
- 10 Mescalero Apache Tribe of New Mexico; also in 1873, Lipan Apache
- 11 Chief Castro of the People of the High Grass and his band relocated
- to the Texas Coastal Bend area and the Rio Grande Valley; and
- WHEREAS, Descendants of the tribe celebrate time-honored
- 14 occasions such as the Lipan Apache Peyote Ceremony and the Lipan
- 15 Apache Buffalo Feast and also use ceremonial music and dress as ways
- of upholding tribal customs; in addition, the descendants of the
- 17 tribe continue their efforts to gain more knowledge about their
- 18 ancestry; and
- 19 WHEREAS, The State of Texas acknowledges the contributions
- 20 made by the Lipan Apache Band of Texas to our state and nation under
- 21 the governments of Spain, Mexico, the Republic of Texas, and the
- 22 United States of America; now, therefore, be it
- 23 RESOLVED, That the 79th Legislature of the State of Texas
- 24 hereby respectfully urge the Congress of the United States to
- 25 recognize the Lipan Apache Band of Texas as a federally
- 26 acknowledged Indian tribe; and, be it further
- 27 RESOLVED, That the Texas secretary of state forward official

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- 1 copies of this resolution to the president of the United States, to
- 2 the speaker of the house of representatives and the president of the
- 3 senate of the United States Congress, and to all the members of the
- 4 Texas delegation to the congress with the request that this
- 5 resolution be officially entered in the Congressional Record as a
- 6 memorial to the Congress of the United States of America.

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- 1 Memorializing Congress to recognize the Lipan Apache Band of Texas
- 2 as a federally acknowledged Indian tribe.