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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, From February 19 to March 26, 1945, United States
troops struggled against Japanese forces to gain control of the
island of Iwo Jima; and

WHEREAS, Our nation's victory in that battle came at the expense of 6,281 American lives, with more than 19,000 American troops wounded; and

7 WHEREAS, The year 2007 marks the 62nd anniversary of the 8 raising of our Stars and Stripes on Iwo Jima, and on May 26, the 9 Center for Military History and the Gathering of Eagles are 10 commemorating this historic event with the Flag of Our Fathers 11 symposium in Houston; and

12 WHEREAS, The freedoms we enjoy today are the result of the 13 sacrifices and contributions of our military veterans, and time can 14 never diminish what we owe these valorous patriots for their 15 steadfast service in this country's behalf; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas 17 Legislature hereby recognize May 26, 2007, as Flag of Our Fathers 18 Day and commend America's veterans for their outstanding service, 19 courage, and heroism.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 781 was adopted by the House on March 28, 2007, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House