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R E S O L U T I O N

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

4           WHEREAS, Our nation's victory in that battle came at the  
5 expense of 6,281 American lives, with more than 19,000 American  
6 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.