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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, March 25, 2007, marks the 186th anniversary of the
2 start of the revolution that freed the Greek people from Ottoman
3 rule; and

4 WHEREAS, Ancient Greek political theory and practice
5 inspired the founding fathers of the United States as they framed
6 the constitution and embarked upon the creation of the American
7 nation; and

8 WHEREAS, Citizens of Texas drew on Greek democratic
9 principles when they formed a government after achieving
10 independence from Mexico in 1836; and

11 WHEREAS, Communities throughout Texas have long welcomed
12 Greek immigrants and their descendants, and the contributions of
13 these individuals to the history, culture, and economy of the state
14 have grown steadily since the early 1900s, when the most Greeks
15 immigrated to the United States; Texans have greatly benefited
16 from the strong record of public service compiled by these
17 citizens, as well as from their deep dedication to family,
18 education, and their faith; and

19 WHEREAS, Greek Independence Day has been observed officially
20 in Texas since 1943, when the governor of the state issued a
21 proclamation in remembrance, and the day remains significant to all
22 who hold freedom and democracy as treasured ideals; and

23 WHEREAS, It is fitting that all Texans should proudly join
24 Greek Americans in celebrating this historic date and in

1 reaffirming the democratic vision that gave birth to our two great
2 nations as we commemorate our special ties of friendship, history,
3 and shared values; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
5 Legislature hereby recognize March 25, 2007, as Greek Independence
6 Day and honor the important role the Greek people have played in the
7 annals of the Lone Star State.