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S.C.R. No. 38

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, March 31, 2008, commemorates the 200th anniversary
2 of the birth of James Pinckney Henderson, the first governor of the
3 State of Texas; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in North Carolina on that date in 1808, James
5 Pinckney Henderson was an attorney who was commissioned as a
6 brigadier general in 1836 and sent to the United States to recruit
7 for the Texas Army; he was appointed attorney general and minister
8 to France and England for the Republic of Texas, and after Texas
9 joined the United States, he became the first governor of the state,
10 serving from 1846 to 1847; and

11 WHEREAS, To ensure that students recognize the pivotal role
12 this notable statesman played in the history of the Lone Star State,
13 the Henderson County Commissioners Court has designated March 31 of
14 each year James Pinckney Henderson Remembrance Day in the county;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, The original first lady of Texas, Frances Cox
17 Henderson, was born in Philadelphia on July 21, 1820; said to speak
18 at least 18 languages and accomplished in mathematics and music,
19 she studied law and aided her husband with his practice; a devout
20 Christian as well, she established Episcopal churches in San
21 Augustine, Rusk, Palestine, and Nacogdoches; and

22 WHEREAS, In recognition of the myriad contributions this
23 remarkable woman also made in behalf of this state, the San
24 Augustine County Commissioners Court has designated July 21 of each

1 year as Frances Cox Henderson Remembrance Day in the county; and

2 WHEREAS, James Pinckney Henderson and Frances Cox Henderson
3 figured prominently in the early development of this state, and it
4 is fitting that their lives and accomplishments be appropriately
5 recognized; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the 80th Legislature hereby commemorate the
7 year of 2008 as the 200th anniversary of the birth of James Pinckney
8 Henderson and formally designate this year as The State of Texas
9 1846 First Family Remembrance Year; and, be it further

10 RESOLVED, That official copies of this resolution be prepared
11 for the Commissioners Courts of Henderson and San Augustine
12 Counties as an expression of esteem by the Texas Senate and House of
13 Representatives.