

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Texans and many other Americans are joining with our
2 neighbors south of the Rio Grande on May 5, 2009, to celebrate Cinco
3 de Mayo, a holiday honoring the legendary Mexican victory over the
4 French at the Battle of Puebla in 1862; and

5 WHEREAS, After chafing under Spanish colonization for
6 several centuries, Mexico declared itself a free and independent
7 nation in 1821, but the transition from colonialism was a difficult
8 one, and the mid-19th century saw the young nation struggling to
9 maintain a stable government; imperial powers in Europe seeking to
10 take advantage of Mexico's troubles and recover some of the rich
11 territory they had lost during recent independence movements joined
12 forces to invade the country in 1861; and

13 WHEREAS, Although England and Spain eventually withdrew, the
14 French army continued its invasion and by 1862 had begun the march
15 inland toward Mexico City; led by the young general, Ignacio Seguin
16 Zaragoza, a small, poorly armed Mexican militia countered the
17 well-outfitted French soldiers at Puebla, a town southeast of the
18 capital, and, despite being vastly outnumbered, prevailed and
19 soundly defeated the French army; and

20 WHEREAS, That victory at Puebla on May 5, 1862, was an
21 important event in the history of the Republic of Mexico, for by
22 conquering one of the world's finest military forces the courageous
23 Mexican soldiers struck a blow against imperialism and foreign
24 domination and marked an extraordinary triumph for Mexican

1 independence and pride; and

2 WHEREAS, Today, the anniversary of that famous battle is
3 observed in many U.S. cities as well as in Mexico, but Cinco de Mayo
4 celebrations in Texas are unique because they pay tribute to our
5 shared heritage with Mexico; General Zaragoza, born in Presidio La
6 Bahia near present-day Goliad, Texas, holds a distinctive place in
7 history as a true Tejano, a son of both Texas and Mexico, and his
8 determination to honor and defend "la patria," the homeland, is as
9 inspiring now as it was more than a century ago; and

10 WHEREAS, Cinco de Mayo pays homage to one of the truly notable
11 events in Mexico's past while celebrating its music, food, art, and
12 cherished traditions, and the annual event has truly become a
13 special part of the rich cultural fabric of the Lone Star State;
14 now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
16 Legislature hereby commemorate Cinco de Mayo, 2009, and encourage
17 its observance around the state.

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Straus	Gattis	Menendez
Allen	Geren	Merritt
Alonzo	Giddings	Miklos
Alvarado	Gonzales	Miller of Comal
Anchia	Gonzalez Toureilles	Miller of Erath
Anderson	Guillen	Moody
Aycock	Gutierrez	Morrison
Berman	Hamilton	Naishtat
Bohac	Hancock	Oliveira
Bolton	Hardcastle	Olivo
Bonnen	Harless	Orr
Branch	Harper-Brown	Ortiz, Jr.
Brown of Kaufman	Hartnett	Otto
Brown of Brazos	Heflin	Parker
Burnam	Hernandez	Patrick
Button	Herrero	Paxton
Callegari	Hilderbran	Peña
Castro	Hochberg	Phillips
Chavez	Hodge	Pickett
Chisum	Homer	Pierson
Christian	Hopson	Pitts
Cohen	Howard of Fort Bend	Quintanilla
Coleman	Howard of Travis	Raymond
Cook	Hughes	Riddle
Corte	Hunter	Rios Ybarra
Crabb	Isett	Ritter
Craddick	Jackson	Rodriguez
Creighton	Jones	Rose
Crownover	Keffer	Sheffield
Darby	Kent	Shelton
Davis of Harris	King of Parker	Smith of Tarrant
Davis of Dallas	King of Taylor	Smith of Harris
Deshotel	King of Zavala	Smithee
Driver	Kleinschmidt	Solomons
Dukes	Kolkhorst	Strama
Dunnam	Kuempel	Swinford
Dutton	Laubenberg	Taylor
Edwards	Legler	Thibaut
Eiland	Leibowitz	Thompson
Eissler	Lewis	Truitt
Elkins	Lucio III	Turner of Tarrant
England	Madden	Turner of Harris
Farabee	Maldonado	Vaught
Farias	Mallory Caraway	Veasey
Farrar	Marquez	Villarreal
Fletcher	Martinez	Vo
Flores	Martinez Fischer	Walle
Flynn	McCall	Weber
Frost	McClendon	Woolley
Gallego	McReynolds	Zerwas

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 305 was adopted by the House on
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Chief Clerk of the House