

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, February 2, 2009, marks the 161st anniversary of the
2 signing of the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, an act that officially
3 signaled the end of the Mexican War; and

4 WHEREAS, Concluding hostilities that had begun between
5 Mexico and the United States in 1846, the treaty constitutes a major
6 event in the history of both countries and in the annals of the Lone
7 Star State; and

8 WHEREAS, In consequence of its provisions, Mexico recognized
9 the annexation of Texas by the United States and accepted the Rio
10 Grande as the state's southern boundary; in addition, Mexico ceded
11 to the United States the territory of the present-day states of
12 California, Arizona, and New Mexico, as well as parts of Utah,
13 Nevada, and Colorado, in exchange for a payment of \$15 million; and

14 WHEREAS, The treaty further offered American citizenship to
15 Mexicans living in the ceded lands, an offer accepted by an
16 overwhelming majority of the approximately 80,000 individuals who
17 thus became eligible; and

18 WHEREAS, Those holding Mexican title to land now situated
19 within the borders of the United States were also promised respect
20 for their property; in Texas, subsequent adjudication confirmed
21 almost all of the claims that were presented for validation; and

22 WHEREAS, Yet another treaty provision stipulated that Mexico
23 and the United States would refer future disputes to arbitration;
24 an outstanding instance of such a resolution is the Chamizal

1 settlement of 1963, which concluded a 99-year-old boundary dispute
2 in the vicinity of El Paso; and

3 WHEREAS, The Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo secured for Texas
4 its claim to land between the Nueces River and the Rio Grande,
5 pointed the way toward a bilingual, multiethnic society along the
6 Texas-Mexico border, and pledged two proud countries to peaceful
7 negotiation of their differences; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
9 Legislature hereby commemorate the signing of the Treaty of
10 Guadalupe Hidalgo on February 2, 1848, and recognize the momentous
11 significance of this date for the State of Texas.

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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

H.R. No. 310

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 310 was adopted by the House on
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Chief Clerk of the House