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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, February 2, 2010, marks the 162nd anniversary of the
 signing of the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, an act that officially
 signaled the end of the Mexican War; and

WHEREAS, Concluding hostilities that had begun between Mexico and the United States in 1846, the treaty constitutes a major event in the history of both countries and in the annals of the Lone 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

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

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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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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 329 was adopted by the House on February 26, 2009, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House