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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The love of liberty that helped to shape our
2 constitution has deep roots in the spirit of ancient Greece, and as
3 we observe Greek Independence Day, we celebrate the timeless
4 democratic principles that we cherish; and

5 WHEREAS, In 1821, our nation supported the cause of Greek
6 independence when the brave men and women of Greece began their long
7 struggle for liberty, and on the anniversary of the Greek
8 Declaration of Independence, we honor the courage of those proud
9 patriots; and

10 WHEREAS, The story of Greek military tactics used at the
11 Battle of Marathon in 490 B.C. is still mandatory reading at the
12 National War College in Washington, D.C.; Greek soldiers were with
13 U.S. Marines on the shores of Tripoli in the military operations
14 memorialized in the United States Marine Hymn; and

15 WHEREAS, Greece's greatest legacy is the establishment of
16 democratic government, and today Greeks and Americans continue to
17 share a love of freedom, liberty, and individual rights; and

18 WHEREAS, Greek Americans have made significant contributions
19 to this state and country, and it is fitting that all Texans join in
20 celebrating this historic date while reaffirming the democratic
21 vision that gave birth to our two great nations; now, therefore, be
22 it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
24 Legislature hereby recognize March 25, 2009, as Greek Independence

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1 Day: A Day of Celebration of Greek and American Democracy.