

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, September 2010 marks the bicentennial of the
2 initiation of the Mexican revolution by Father Miguel Hidalgo y
3 Costilla, the father of Mexican independence and the namesake of
4 Hidalgo County; and

5 WHEREAS, On September 16, 1810, Father Hidalgo led several
6 hundred people in taking the prison in Dolores, Mexico, thus
7 launching the events that culminated in Mexican independence in
8 1821; the passionate speech the priest delivered on that day, the
9 *Grito de Dolores*, declaring "death to bad government," has since
10 become known as the "cry for Mexican independence"; and

11 WHEREAS, The year 2010 also marks the 158th anniversary of
12 the creation of Hidalgo County and the convening, on September 2,
13 1852, of its first county court; and

14 WHEREAS, The 200th anniversary of the beginning of the
15 Mexican War for Independence represents a fitting opportunity to
16 celebrate the heroism and patriotism of Father Hidalgo, as well as
17 the inextricable links between the histories of Mexico and Texas;
18 now, therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
20 Legislature hereby recognize the bicentennial in 2010 of the *Grito*
21 *de Dolores* and celebrate the continuing inspiration of Father
22 Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla.

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H.R. No. 2710

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2710 was adopted by the House on May 31, 2009, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House