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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.