

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 419

WHEREAS, The battleship *Texas* was commissioned in 1914, served honorably in World War I and World War II, and has been the flagship of the Texas Navy since April 21, 1948; and

WHEREAS, The battleship *Texas* saw action in the Atlantic Ocean, off the North African coast, during the D-Day invasion at Normandy, and at Iwo Jima and Okinawa before retiring to a berth at the San Jacinto Battleground State Historic Site; and

WHEREAS, The battleship *Texas* was a ship of many firsts, including the first battleship to launch an airplane and the first battleship to use radar; and

WHEREAS, The battleship *Texas* suffered only one combat casualty in her many naval combat campaigns, thereby earning the nickname "the Lucky Ship"; and

WHEREAS, The battleship *Texas* is designated both a National Historic Landmark and a National Engineering Historic Landmark; and

WHEREAS, The battleship *Texas* is an asset of the State of Texas, under the care and direction of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and supported by the Battleship *Texas* Foundation; and

WHEREAS, The Battleship *Texas* Foundation is a nonprofit corporation charged with raising funds to restore and promote the educational value of the battleship *Texas*; and

WHEREAS, The Battleship *Texas* Foundation board consists of retired military leaders, active business and civic leaders, and concerned community volunteers who maintain a focus on the historical and educational significance of the battleship *Texas*; and

WHEREAS, The Battleship *Texas* Foundation has solicited funding for restoration, enhancements, and a Youth Overnight Program serving organized youth groups across the state; and

WHEREAS, The battleship *Texas* has become an icon of Texas at the San Jacinto Battleground State Historic Site; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby recognize the historic and cultural value of the battleship *Texas* and commend the Battleship *Texas* Foundation for its ongoing efforts to preserve this unique asset of the State of Texas for future generations; and, be it further

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RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the Battleship Texas Foundation as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

Gallegos

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 16, 2009.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate