

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Citizens of Texas are marking the 175th anniversary
2 of the adoption of the Texas Declaration of Independence on March 2,
3 2011; and

4 WHEREAS, By the fall of 1835, tensions that would culminate
5 in the Texas Revolution were coming to a head, and in December, a
6 convention of delegates from every Texas municipality was called to
7 meet in the new town of Washington on March 1, 1836; and

8 WHEREAS, On the first day of the convention, George C.
9 Childress introduced a resolution calling for a committee to draft
10 a declaration of independence; the measure was approved, and the
11 convention president, Richard Ellis, appointed a five-member
12 committee, with Mr. Childress as chair, to prepare the document;
13 the resulting composition is generally believed to be almost
14 entirely the work of Mr. Childress, who may have arrived at the
15 convention with a draft that he had already written; and

16 WHEREAS, Patterned on the declaration of 1776, the Texas
17 Declaration of Independence was presented to the convention on
18 March 2; according to the report of an observer, the declaration was
19 then "committed to a committee of the whole, reported without
20 amendment, and unanimously adopted, in less than one hour from its
21 first and only reading"; the motion to adopt was made by Sam
22 Houston, whom the convention appointed two days later to take
23 command of the Texas army; and

24 WHEREAS, Delegates also adopted a constitution for the new

1 Republic of Texas and elected an interim government; those chosen
2 to serve were David G. Burnet, president, Lorenzo de Zavala, vice
3 president, Samuel P. Carson, secretary of state, Thomas J. Rusk,
4 secretary of war, Robert Potter, secretary of the navy, Bailey
5 Hardeman, secretary of the treasury, and David Thomas, attorney
6 general; the constitution was ratified by voters the following
7 September, and the interim government served until that October,
8 when regular elections were held; and

9 WHEREAS, News that the Alamo had fallen reached the
10 convention on March 15, and two days later, reports that the Mexican
11 army had advanced to within 60 miles of Washington prompted the
12 delegates to hastily adjourn; little more than a month later,
13 however, the Battle of San Jacinto made Texas independence a
14 reality; and

15 WHEREAS, The Republic of Texas endured until December 29,
16 1845, when Texas officially entered the Union as the 28th state;
17 those nine years, when Texas enjoyed the status of an independent
18 country, constitute a remarkable chapter in its history, and more
19 than a century and a half after annexation, they continue to
20 engender a special sense of pride and identity among its citizens;
21 now, therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the 82nd Legislature of the State of Texas
23 hereby join the people of the Lone Star State in commemorating the
24 175th anniversary of the adoption of the Texas Declaration of
25 Independence.

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Alvarado	Gutierrez	Nash
Anchia	Hamilton	Oliveira
Anderson of Dallas	Hancock	Orr
Anderson of McLennan	Hardcastle	Otto
Aycock	Harless	Parker
Beck	Harper-Brown	Patrick
Berman	Hartnett	Paxton
Bohac	Hernandez Luna	Pena
Bonnen	Hilderbran	Perry
Branch	Hochberg	Phillips
Brown	Hopson	Pickett
Burkett	Howard of Fort Bend	Pitts
Burnam	Howard of Travis	Price
Button	Huberty	Quintanilla
Cain	Hughes	Raymond
Callegari	Hunter	Reynolds
Carter	Isaac	Riddle
Castro	Jackson	Ritter
Chisum	Johnson	Rodriguez
Christian	Keffer	Schwertner
Coleman	King of Parker	Scott
Cook	King of Taylor	Sheets
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President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 175 was adopted by the House on February 28, 2011, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 175 was adopted by the Senate on February 28, 2011, by a viva-voce vote.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor