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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, February 2, 2011, marks the 163rd anniversary of the  
2 signing of the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, an act that officially  
3 signaled the end of the Mexican War; and

4           WHEREAS, Concluding hostilities that had begun between  
5 Mexico and the United States in 1846, the treaty constitutes a major  
6 event in the history of both countries and in the annals of the Lone  
7 Star State; and

8           WHEREAS, In consequence of its provisions, Mexico recognized  
9 the annexation of Texas by the United States and accepted the Rio  
10 Grande as the state's southern boundary; in addition, Mexico ceded  
11 to the United States the territory of the present-day states of  
12 California, Arizona, and New Mexico, as well as parts of Utah,  
13 Nevada, and Colorado, in exchange for a payment of \$15 million; and

14           WHEREAS, The treaty further offered American citizenship to  
15 Mexicans living in the ceded lands, an offer accepted by an  
16 overwhelming majority of the approximately 80,000 individuals who  
17 thus became eligible; and

18           WHEREAS, Those holding Mexican title to land now situated  
19 within the borders of the United States were also promised respect  
20 for their property; in Texas, subsequent adjudication confirmed  
21 almost all of the claims that were presented for validation; and

22           WHEREAS, Yet another treaty provision stipulated that Mexico  
23 and the United States would refer future disputes to arbitration;  
24 an outstanding instance of such a resolution is the Chamizal

1 settlement of 1963, which concluded a 99-year-old boundary dispute  
2 in the vicinity of El Paso; and

3 WHEREAS, The Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo secured for Texas  
4 its claim to land between the Nueces River and the Rio Grande,  
5 pointed the way toward a bilingual, multiethnic society along the  
6 Texas-Mexico border, and pledged two proud countries to peaceful  
7 negotiation of their differences; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
9 Legislature hereby commemorate the 163rd anniversary of the signing  
10 of the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo on February 2, 1848, and  
11 recognize the momentous significance of this date for the State of  
12 Texas.