

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Texans and many other Americans are joining with our
2 neighbors south of the Rio Grande on May 5, 2011, to celebrate Cinco
3 de Mayo, a holiday honoring the legendary Mexican victory over the
4 French at the Battle of Puebla in 1862; and

5 WHEREAS, After chafing under Spanish colonization for
6 several centuries, Mexico declared itself a free and independent
7 nation in 1821, but the transition from colonialism was a difficult
8 one, and the mid-19th century saw the young nation struggling to
9 maintain a stable government; imperial powers in Europe seeking to
10 take advantage of Mexico's troubles and recover some of the rich
11 territory they had lost during recent independence movements joined
12 forces to invade the country in 1861; and

13 WHEREAS, Although England and Spain eventually withdrew, the
14 French army continued its invasion and by 1862 had begun the march
15 inland toward Mexico City; led by the young general Ignacio Seguin
16 Zaragoza, a small, poorly armed Mexican militia countered the
17 well-outfitted French soldiers at Puebla, a town southeast of the
18 capital, and, despite being vastly outnumbered, prevailed and
19 soundly defeated the French army; and

20 WHEREAS, That victory at Puebla on May 5, 1862, was an
21 important event in the history of the Republic of Mexico, for by
22 conquering one of the world's finest military forces the courageous
23 Mexican soldiers struck a blow against imperialism and foreign
24 domination and marked an extraordinary triumph for Mexican

1 independence and pride; and

2 WHEREAS, Today, the anniversary of that famous battle is
3 observed in many U.S. cities as well as in Mexico, but Cinco de Mayo
4 celebrations in Texas are unique because they pay tribute to our
5 shared heritage with Mexico; General Zaragoza, born in Presidio La
6 Bahia near present-day Goliad, Texas, holds a distinctive place in
7 history as a true Tejano, a son of both Texas and Mexico, and his
8 determination to honor and defend "la patria," the homeland, is as
9 inspiring now as it was more than a century ago; and

10 WHEREAS, Cinco de Mayo pays homage to one of the notable
11 events in Mexico's past while celebrating its music, food, art, and
12 cherished traditions, and the annual event has truly become a
13 special part of the rich cultural fabric of the Lone Star State;
14 now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
16 Legislature hereby commemorate Cinco de Mayo, 2011, and encourage
17 its observance around the state.

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Allen	Gooden	Murphy
Alonzo	Guillen	Naishtat
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
Craddick	King of Zavala	Sheffield
Creighton	Kleinschmidt	Shelton
Crownover	Kolkhorst	Simpson
Darby	Kuempel	Smith of Harris
Davis of Dallas	Landtroop	Smith of Tarrant
J. Davis of Harris	Larson	Smithee
S. Davis of Harris	Laubenberg	Solomons
Deshotel	Lavender	Strama
Driver	Legler	Taylor of Collin
Dukes	Lewis	Taylor of Galveston
Dutton	Lozano	Thompson
Eiland	Lucio III	Torres
Eissler	Lyne	Truitt
Elkins	Madden	Turner
Farias	Mallory Caraway	Veasey
Farrar	Margo	Villarreal
Fletcher	Marquez	Vo
Flynn	Martinez	Walle
Frullo	Martinez Fischer	Weber
Gallego	McClendon	White
Garza	Menendez	Woolley
Geren	Miles	Workman
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Gonzales of Hidalgo	Miller of Erath	Zerwas

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 80 was adopted by the House on February 24, 2011, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House