

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The 2011 Fort Clark Days and the Lipan Apache Band of  
2 Texas Pow Wow are being held March 4-5, 2011, at Fort Clark Springs;  
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4           WHEREAS, Established on June 20, 1852, near Las Moras  
5 Springs, Fort Clark formed part of the line of U.S. Army forts  
6 erected along the military road from San Antonio to El Paso to  
7 defend the border with Mexico and protect frontier settlements; the  
8 fort became home to numerous U.S. infantry and cavalry units and  
9 also served as a base for Texas Rangers, the Confederate Army, Lipan  
10 Apache Texas Ranger scouts, black Seminole scouts, and buffalo  
11 soldiers; among the many notable military leaders stationed there  
12 were General Wesley Merritt, General William R. Shafter, General  
13 John L. Bullis, General Zenas R. Bliss, General Jonathan M.  
14 Wainwright, and General George S. Patton, Jr.; and

15           WHEREAS, When Fort Clark was closed in 1946, it was one of the  
16 last remaining mounted cavalry posts in the country, and today it is  
17 listed on the National Register of Historic Places; the annual Fort  
18 Clark Days commemorate the rich history of this venerable site with  
19 a wide range of activities and raise funds to help maintain the  
20 historic buildings and grounds; and

21           WHEREAS, This year's festival is being held in conjunction  
22 with the Lipan Apache Band of Texas Pow Wow, and a featured  
23 attraction of both events is scheduled for March 4, 2011, when  
24 members of the Lipan Apache Band and the Fort Clark Springs

1 Association, along with representatives of Fort Concho, Fort  
2 Lancaster, Fort Stockton, and Fort McKavett, are reenacting the  
3 signing of the Live Oak Treaty of January 8, 1838; a pledge of peace  
4 and friendship between the Lipan Apaches and the Republic of Texas,  
5 the treaty was signed by Cuelgas de Castro, a Lipan Apache chief and  
6 Texas Ranger scout, and James Power, an empresario and a signatory  
7 to the Texas Declaration of Independence; the reenactment  
8 highlights the contributions that Lipan Apaches made to the defense  
9 of Texas during the period of the republic; and

10 WHEREAS, The Lipan Apache Band of Texas is dedicated to  
11 preserving the culture and traditions of its ancestors, and during  
12 the Pow Wow, its members are also performing ceremonial music and  
13 dances; and

14 WHEREAS, The 2011 Fort Clark Days and the Lipan Apache Band of  
15 Texas Pow Wow celebrate the colorful heritage and diversity of the  
16 Lone Star State, bringing history to life for visitors young and  
17 old; now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
19 Legislature hereby commemorate the 2011 Fort Clark Days and the  
20 Lipan Apache Band of Texas Pow Wow and honor all the organizations  
21 that have worked to make these outstanding events a success; and, be  
22 it further

23 RESOLVED, That official copies of this resolution be prepared  
24 for the participating groups as an expression of high regard by the  
25 Texas House of Representatives.

King of Zavala  
Gallego

H.R. No. 540

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 540 was adopted by the House on  
February 24, 2011, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House