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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.