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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, For nearly a century, March 2, the date of the  
2 adoption of the Texas Declaration of Independence, has been  
3 commemorated as Texas Flag Day; and

4           WHEREAS, While it is not known for certain who designed the  
5 present Lone Star flag, a bill containing the design was introduced  
6 in the Congress of the Republic of Texas by Senator William H.  
7 Wharton on December 28, 1838; the bill then went to a committee  
8 composed of Oliver Jones and two other unidentified senators, who  
9 reported out a substitute bill containing the same design; Congress  
10 adopted the substitute bill on January 21, 1839, and President  
11 Mirabeau B. Lamar signed the measure four days later; and

12           WHEREAS, The Lone Star flag replaced both the previous  
13 national flag and the Texas naval ensign, each of which had served  
14 as an official standard since December 10, 1836; like those two  
15 flags, and like many others that had seen service in Texas since the  
16 days of revolution, the new national flag incorporated a single  
17 star, which the Convention of 1836 had adopted as the official  
18 emblem of the republic; the blue, red, and white stripes of the flag  
19 were said to represent loyalty, bravery, and purity, respectively;  
20 and

21           WHEREAS, In 1915, in appreciation of this venerable banner,  
22 the 34th Texas Legislature designated March 2 of each year as Texas  
23 Flag Day; and

24           WHEREAS, Over the years, Texas lore and legend have

1 captivated the imagination of people far beyond the borders of the  
2 Lone Star State, and the Texas flag is now recognized around the  
3 globe; and

4       WHEREAS, For Texans themselves, the flag powerfully evokes a  
5 sense of identity and pride, a feeling of belonging to a land both  
6 rugged and beloved, and an appreciation of a rich and unique  
7 heritage; simple and bold in its design, the flag speaks of liberty,  
8 courage, and the untrammelled, free spirit, and wherever Texans may  
9 be in the world, from the Trans-Pecos to the Piney Woods to the war  
10 zones of Iraq and Afghanistan, it symbolizes home; now, therefore,  
11 be it

12       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
13 Legislature hereby recognize March 2, 2011, as Texas Flag Day and  
14 join with Texans everywhere in honoring all that is represented by  
15 the Lone Star flag.