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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The United States adopted the Stars and Stripes as
2 its official flag on June 14, 1777, and each year, Americans
3 celebrate the anniversary of that momentous event as Flag Day; and

4 WHEREAS, Beginning in the late 19th century, proud citizens
5 contemplated setting aside a special time to reflect on the
6 significance of their beloved flag; in 1885, a Wisconsin public
7 school teacher arranged for his students to commemorate "Flag
8 Birthday" on June 14, and a kindergarten teacher in New York City
9 took up the cause four years later; the Betsy Ross House in
10 Philadelphia held Flag Day activities in 1891, and the National
11 Society of the Colonial Dames of America in the Commonwealth of
12 Pennsylvania soon joined in honoring the flag on the anniversary of
13 its adoption; within the decade, Chicago hosted a general public
14 school observance in parks around the city for more than 300,000
15 children; and

16 WHEREAS, President Woodrow Wilson established Flag Day by
17 proclamation in 1916, advising his fellow Americans to consider it
18 "a day upon which we should direct our minds with a special desire
19 of renewal to thoughts of the ideals and principles of which we have
20 sought to make our great Government the embodiment"; communities
21 around the country began to celebrate June 14 each year, and in
22 1949, President Harry Truman signed an Act of Congress officially
23 designating June 14 as National Flag Day; and

24 WHEREAS, A powerful symbol of freedom and democracy, "Old

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1 Glory" inspires patriotism in the hearts of all Americans, and this
2 special occasion provides an opportunity for residents of the Lone
3 Star State to solemnly reflect on the rich history of our nation and
4 its flag; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
6 Legislature hereby commemorate Flag Day on June 14, 2011, and
7 encourage all Texans to display the American flag.