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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, On April 21, 2011, the 175th anniversary of the
2 Battle of San Jacinto, the City of Conroe, Montgomery County, and
3 the Friends of the Flag Foundation are dedicating the Lone Star
4 Monument and Historical Flag Park, an inspiring new commemorative
5 plaza located in Conroe; and

6 WHEREAS, This imposing site is designed to educate visitors
7 about a crucial chapter in Texas history, the time when
8 independence from Mexico was won and a new republic was
9 established; partially ringing the plaza are 13 historically
10 significant flags, chosen from the more than 50 standards that were
11 associated with Texas during this period; among those that have
12 been selected for display are flags connected with important
13 battles of the revolution and with groups of American volunteers
14 who came to the aid of the insurgents, as well as early national
15 flags, such as that adopted for the Texas Navy in 1836; a plaque at
16 the base of each flag presents information about its history; and

17 WHEREAS, In the center of the plaza stands a 14-foot-tall
18 bronze statue called the Texian; portrayed as a veteran of the Texas
19 Revolution, he holds aloft the Lone Star Flag, the striking banner
20 that became the national flag of Texas in 1839; a bust of the man
21 whom many credit with designing that flag, Dr. Charles B. Stewart,
22 graces the entrance to the plaza; both sculptures were created by
23 the award-winning Conroe artist Craig Campobella; and

24 WHEREAS, The development of this park is a shared

1 achievement; Montgomery County donated the land on which the park
2 sits, and the City of Conroe underwrote the construction costs; a
3 nonprofit group, the Friends of the Flag Foundation, which was
4 organized by Mr. Campobella, will assume responsibility for
5 installing replacement flags, as needed; and

6 WHEREAS, Local officials and civic leaders envision the
7 creation of a heritage trail that will link the park in Conroe with
8 other area sites of historical interest, places such as the
9 Fernland Historical Park in Montgomery, the town where Dr. Stewart
10 made his home, the Sam Houston Memorial Museum in Huntsville, and
11 the many-faceted Washington-on-the-Brazos State Historic Site,
12 with its reproduction of the hall where the Texas Declaration of
13 Independence was adopted; and

14 WHEREAS, The Lone Star Monument and Historical Flag Park is
15 powerfully evocative of the time and events it memorializes, and
16 over the coming years, it is certain to foster in countless visitors
17 a new understanding and appreciation of the unique heritage of the
18 Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
20 Legislature hereby commemorate the dedication of the Lone Star
21 Monument and Historical Flag Park and extend congratulations to
22 everyone who helped to complete this notable project.