

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The Texas House of Representatives is pleased to  
2 join with the Daughters of the Republic of Texas in celebrating the  
3 175th anniversary of the winning of Texas independence and the  
4 birth of the Republic of Texas; and

5           WHEREAS, Texans who chafed under Mexican rule saw their dream  
6 of autonomy come to fruition in the spring of 1836; delegates to a  
7 convention meeting at Washington-on-the-Brazos adopted the Texas  
8 Declaration of Independence on March 2, 1836, affirming the  
9 principle of self-determination and proclaiming the creation of a  
10 free and sovereign Texas; and

11           WHEREAS, Although the Texas revolutionary army suffered  
12 disastrous defeats at Goliad, where approximately 400 captured  
13 soldiers were executed, and at the Alamo, where a 13-day siege ended  
14 in the loss of every defender of the fort, those reverses would  
15 later provide powerful rallying cries for Texas troops that were  
16 still in the field; on April 21, 1836, General Sam Houston's army  
17 vanquished a larger force led by Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna at the  
18 Battle of San Jacinto and secured Texas independence; and

19           WHEREAS, The Daughters of the Republic of Texas, founded in  
20 1891, has diligently perpetuated the memory of the Texas pioneer  
21 families and soldiers whose determined efforts and sacrifices 175  
22 years ago led to the creation and advancement of a new republic; in  
23 addition to fostering the preservation and publication of  
24 historical records and narratives, encouraging historical

1 research, and promoting the study of Texas history in the public  
2 schools, the DRT has served as custodian of several significant  
3 historical properties, including, for the past 106 years, the  
4 Alamo; and

5 WHEREAS, The DRT welcomes into membership anyone who has a  
6 direct, lineal ancestor who settled in the Republic of Texas before  
7 February 19, 1846, the day that President Anson Jones lowered the  
8 Texas flag and declared that "the Republic of Texas is no more"; and

9 WHEREAS, From its inception, the DRT has enjoyed a membership  
10 as diverse in background as the men who died defending liberty  
11 within the Alamo walls; that stalwart band included Tejanos, a free  
12 man of African descent, and individuals who hailed from England,  
13 Denmark, Germany, Ireland, and Scotland; among the ranks of the DRT  
14 today are also members whose Texas forebears traced their ancestry  
15 to Mexico, the Canary Islands, Spain, Poland, Sweden, and France;  
16 and

17 WHEREAS, The Daughters of the Republic of Texas has made an  
18 immeasurable contribution to the safeguarding and transmission of a  
19 rich and unique heritage, and its members are indeed deserving of  
20 recognition for their tireless dedication to that vital endeavor;  
21 now, therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
23 Legislature hereby commend the Daughters of the Republic of Texas  
24 for their outstanding stewardship of the Alamo and call on all  
25 Texans to commemorate the seminal events 175 years ago that led to  
26 the achievement of Texas independence and to the creation of the  
27 Republic of Texas; and, be it further

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1           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
2 prepared for the Daughters of the Republic of Texas as an expression  
3 of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.

Anderson of McLennan

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1331 was adopted by the House on April 28, 2011, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House