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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.