

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Each year, the date of July 18 is recognized as
2 Nelson Mandela International Day; in 2013, that date will also mark
3 Mr. Mandela's 95th birthday, making this a fitting occasion to
4 celebrate the life and legacy of a courageous and inspirational
5 figure who is revered around the world; and

6 WHEREAS, Born into the Tembu tribe in the Transkei region of
7 South Africa in 1918, Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela earned a degree
8 from University College of Fort Hare and studied law at the
9 University of Witwatersrand; and

10 WHEREAS, In 1944, Mr. Mandela joined the African National
11 Congress, and he soon became actively engaged in resistance against
12 the racist apartheid policies of South Africa's ruling National
13 Party; as part of that effort, he helped launch the "Defiance"
14 campaign of civil disobedience in 1952; the government responded by
15 trying him for treason in the late 1950s, though he was ultimately
16 acquitted of that charge; and

17 WHEREAS, After the Sharpeville Massacre of 69 anti-apartheid
18 protestors in 1960, the ANC was banned, and Mr. Mandela began
19 advocating for armed resistance to the government; arrested in
20 1962, he was sentenced to five years of hard labor, and in a
21 separate trial that began the following year, he was sentenced to
22 life in prison; and

23 WHEREAS, From 1964 to 1982, Mr. Mandela was jailed in a small
24 cell on Robben Island, off the coast of Cape Town, and he was later

1 incarcerated at two prisons on the mainland; during his 25 years as
2 a prisoner, he endured harsh conditions while steadfastly refusing
3 to compromise his belief in justice and equal rights for all South
4 Africans; his valiant stand helped strengthen opposition to
5 apartheid, both within South Africa and around the world; and

6 WHEREAS, The anti-apartheid movement achieved one of its
7 greatest victories in 1990 when Mr. Mandela was released from
8 prison, and he soon became a key figure in the negotiations to
9 dismantle the country's unjust system of government; he received
10 the Nobel Peace Prize in 1993, and the following year he was elected
11 as South Africa's president in the nation's first multiracial
12 election; and

13 WHEREAS, In 2009, the General Assembly of the United Nations
14 voted unanimously to commemorate his birthday each year as Nelson
15 Mandela International Day, an observance that emphasizes the
16 ability of individuals to effect positive change in their
17 communities; and

18 WHEREAS, Over the course of his life, Nelson Mandela has
19 followed a difficult and often lonely path in the pursuit of
20 justice; starting as an idealistic student determined to make his
21 country a better place, he went on to become a resolute and
22 determined prisoner of conscience and, finally, an admired
23 international figure who symbolizes the victory of freedom over
24 oppression; now, therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, That the 83rd Legislature of the State of Texas,
2 2nd Called Session, hereby designate July 18, 2013, as Nelson
3 Mandela International Day in Texas.

Giddings
Craddick
Johnson
Huberty
Kolchhorst
Stickland

Turner of Harris
Pitts
Branch
Kacal
Parker

Straus	M. Gonzalez of El Paso	Oliveira
Allen	N. Gonzalez of El Paso	Orr
Alonzo	Gooden	Otto
Alvarado	Guerra	Paddie
Anchia	Guillen	Parker
Anderson	Gutierrez	Patrick
Ashby	Harless	Perez
Aycock	Harper-Brown	Perry
Bell	Hernandez Luna	Phillips
Bohac	Herrero	Pickett
Bonnen of Brazoria	Hilderbran	Pitts
Bonnen of Galveston	Howard	Price
Branch	Huberty	Raney
Burkett	Hughes	Ratliff
Burnam	Hunter	Raymond
Button	Isaac	Reynolds
Callegari	Johnson	Riddle
Canales	Kacal	Ritter
Capriglione	Keffer	Rodriguez of Bexar
Carter	King of Hemphill	Rodriguez of Travis
Clardy	King of Parker	Rose
Coleman	King of Taylor	Sanford
Collier	King of Zavala	Schaefer
Cook	Kleinschmidt	Sheets
Cortez	Klick	Sheffield of Bell
Craddick	Kolkhorst	Sheffield of Coryell
Creighton	Krause	Simmons
Crownover	Kuempel	Simpson
Dale	Larson	Smith
Darby	Laubenberg	Smithee
Davis of Dallas	Lavender	Springer
J. Davis of Harris	Leach	Stephenson
S. Davis of Harris	Lewis	Stickland
Deshotel	Longoria	Strama
Dukes	Lozano	Taylor
Dutton	Lucio III	Thompson of Brazoria
Eiland	Marquez	Thompson of Harris
Elkins	Martinez	Toth
Fallon	Martinez Fischer	Turner of Collin
Farias	McClendon	Turner of Harris
Farney	Menendez	Turner of Tarrant
Farrar	Miles	Villalba
Fletcher	Miller of Comal	Villarreal
Flynn	Miller of Fort Bend	Vo
Frank	Moody	Walle
Frullo	Morrison	White
Geren	Munoz, Jr.	Workman
Giddings	Murphy	Wu
Goldman	Naishtat	Zedler
Gonzales	Nevarez	Zerwas

H.C.R. No. 16

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 16 was adopted by the House on July 15, 2013, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 16 was adopted by the Senate on July 17, 2013, by a viva-voce vote.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor