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H.R. No. 5

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, January 25, 2014, marks the 175th anniversary of the  
2 adoption of the Lone Star Flag, now the state flag of Texas, and  
3 this is a fitting opportunity to commemorate its creation in  
4 Montgomery County in 1839; and

5           WHEREAS, This striking flag, with its bold red, white, and  
6 blue stripes and iconic white star, was the work of Dr. Charles  
7 Bellinger Stewart, a pharmacist and postmaster in Montgomery and  
8 the first secretary of state of Texas; created at the request of  
9 Mirabeau B. Lamar, president of the Republic of Texas,  
10 Dr. Stewart's elegantly simple design was approved by a committee  
11 of six signers of the Texas Declaration of Independence before  
12 being adopted by the Texas Congress and officially accepted, on  
13 January 25, 1839, by President Lamar; it went on to become the  
14 official state flag when Texas joined the Union in 1845; and

15           WHEREAS, Down through the generations, Montgomery County has  
16 celebrated its part in the creation of the flag; a reproduction of  
17 Dr. Stewart's original office serves as the centerpiece of the  
18 Heritage Museum of Montgomery County in Conroe and includes  
19 documents and other artifacts telling the story of the flag's  
20 design and creation; and

21           WHEREAS, Displayed all across the state, the Lone Star Flag  
22 embodies the spirit, courage, and heritage of the people of Texas,  
23 and the work of Dr. Charles B. Stewart remains a great source of  
24 pride and inspiration to the people of Montgomery County, 175 years

1 later; now, therefore, be it

2           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
3 Legislature hereby recognize January 25, 2014, as the 175th  
4 anniversary of the creation of the Lone Star Flag in Montgomery  
5 County.