

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Members and supporters of the Joanna Troutman
2 Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution are gathering
3 at the Texas State Cemetery on February 26, 2013, to mark the 100th
4 anniversary of the reinterment of their organization's namesake;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Born on February 19, 1818, in Crawford County,
7 Georgia, Joanna Troutman was 17 years old when a battalion of
8 volunteers from her home state responded to an appeal from Texas for
9 support in its struggle against the Mexican Republic; inspired by
10 the Texas cause, she designed and sewed a flag consisting of an
11 embroidered blue star on a field of white silk; below the
12 five-pointed star were the words "LIBERTY OR DEATH" and the reverse
13 of the banner bore the Latin motto "UBI LIBERTAS HABITAT, IBI NOSTRA
14 PATRIA EST," or "where liberty dwells, there is our country"; and

15 WHEREAS, The Georgia battalion carried Ms. Troutman's flag
16 with them when they entered Texas in December 1835, and this symbol
17 of Texas' lone struggle against tyranny was unfurled at Velasco on
18 January 8, 1836, above the American Hotel; James W. Fannin, Jr.,
19 flew it as the national flag over the walls of Goliad when he heard
20 of the Texas Declaration of Independence on March 8, 1836; the flag
21 was torn, but its remnants witnessed the infamous Goliad Massacre
22 that soon followed; and

23 WHEREAS, In 1839, Ms. Troutman married S. L. Pope and the
24 couple moved to Elmwood, a prosperous plantation near Knoxville,

1 Georgia; after Mr. Pope's passing in 1872, she married state
2 legislator W. G. Vinson; although she died in 1879, Ms. Troutman
3 lived long enough to witness Texas prosper as an independent nation
4 and as a strong member of the United States; in 1913, Texas governor
5 Oscar B. Colquitt secured permission to have her remains moved from
6 Georgia to Texas for interment in the State Cemetery in Austin,
7 where a bronze statue and historical marker continue to honor her
8 today; and

9 WHEREAS, Joanna Troutman truly exemplified and defined the
10 spirit of the Lone Star State, and her memory holds a cherished
11 place in the hearts of all Texans; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
13 Legislature hereby recognize the 100th anniversary of Joanna
14 Troutman's reinterment and extend to all those involved with the
15 event sincere best wishes for a successful and memorable ceremony;
16 and, be it further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
18 prepared for the Joanna Troutman Chapter of the Daughters of the
19 American Revolution as an expression of high regard by the Texas
20 House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 377

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 377 was adopted by the House on
February 28, 2013, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House