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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, March 25, 2013, marks an important date in the lives
2 of Greek residents of Texas and beyond, as it commemorates the 192nd
3 anniversary of Greek Independence Day; and

4 WHEREAS, On March 25, 1821, the brave men and women of Greece
5 began their struggle for liberty against the Ottoman Empire, and in
6 January 1822 the rebels declared their nation's independence; and

7 WHEREAS, Both American and Greek cultures value faith,
8 community, civic engagement, and a democratic form of government;
9 our nations have long opposed tyrannical regimes that emphasize
10 military might and dominance over the well-being and rights of
11 people, and we share a willingness to make tremendous sacrifices in
12 order to advance the causes of freedom, equality, and human
13 dignity; and

14 WHEREAS, In forming our democratic framework, America's
15 founders derived inspiration from the principles of democracy and
16 liberty forged in Greece, and citizens of Texas built on those same
17 ideals when they formed a government after achieving independence
18 from Mexico in 1836; and

19 WHEREAS, Today, we join with all those who cherish freedom
20 and self-determination to recognize this historic date and to
21 reaffirm the democratic vision that gave birth to our two great
22 nations; now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
24 Legislature hereby recognize Greek Independence Day on March 25,

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1 2013, and honor the important contributions made by Greek Americans
2 on this significant occasion.