

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, On September 17, 1787, our nation's foundational
2 document was signed by 39 brave men who changed the course of
3 history, and each year, we celebrate the anniversary of that
4 momentous milestone as Constitution Day; and

5 WHEREAS, This important observance was established in 2004,
6 when the U.S. Congress passed a bill designating September 17 as the
7 day for citizens to reflect upon the ideals of freedom set forth and
8 realized in the U.S. Constitution; in addition, the legislation
9 requires the teaching of the Constitution in schools so that our
10 future generations will understand the importance of this document,
11 which embodies liberty and freedom; and

12 WHEREAS, The world's oldest written national charter of
13 government, the Constitution created the framework for federal
14 governance, and its opening words, "We the People," affirm that the
15 government of the United States exists to serve the country's
16 citizens; the framers wisely separated and balanced governmental
17 powers to safeguard the principle of majority rule and minority
18 rights, the ideals of liberty and equality, and the interests of the
19 federal and state governments; and

20 WHEREAS, In its first three articles, the Constitution
21 established a Republic representative form of government composed
22 of three separate branches, the legislative, executive, and
23 judicial; a system of checks and balances limits the powers of each
24 branch; two years after the signing, 10 amendments, known as the

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1 Bill of Rights, were added to guarantee specific civil liberties;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, A covenant that continues to shape our daily lives,
4 the U.S. Constitution has served as the cornerstone of our republic
5 for more than two centuries, and it has become an internationally
6 celebrated model for creating a system of government of the people,
7 by the people, and for the people; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
9 Legislature hereby recognize September 17, 2013, as Constitution
10 Day and encourage all Texans to learn more about the United States
11 Constitution and its vital role in the preservation of the rights
12 and freedoms of all Americans.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2814 was adopted by the House on May 26, 2013, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House