

1-1 By: Peña (Senate Sponsor - Estes) H.C.R. No. 80  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 4, 2015;  
 1-3 May 5, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on Natural  
 1-4 Resources and Economic Development; May 15, 2015, reported  
 1-5 favorably by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; May 15, 2015, sent  
 1-6 to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-9	X			
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1-14			X	
1-15	X			
1-16	X			
1-17	X			
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1-20 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1-21 WHEREAS, The famed Battleship *Texas*, which sits moored at the  
 1-22 San Jacinto Battleground State Historic Site under the care of the  
 1-23 Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, is a national treasure that  
 1-24 played a prominent role in American successes in both World War I  
 1-25 and World War II; and

1-26 WHEREAS, The "Mighty T" was considered to be one of the most  
 1-27 powerful weapons in the world when it was commissioned on March 12,  
 1-28 1914; the ship saw action off the North African coast near Morocco,  
 1-29 at Normandy on D-Day, and at Iwo Jima and Okinawa in the Pacific  
 1-30 Theater before being decommissioned on April 21, 1948; suffering  
 1-31 only one combat casualty in its many campaigns, the *Texas* earned the  
 1-32 nickname the "Lucky Ship"; and

1-33 WHEREAS, The Battleship *Texas* was a harbinger of America's  
 1-34 rise as an industrialized nation on the verge of becoming a world  
 1-35 power; in 1916, it became the first U.S. battleship to mount  
 1-36 anti-aircraft guns as well as the first to employ directors and  
 1-37 range-keepers to control gunfire; other firsts followed, as the  
 1-38 *Texas* became the first U.S. battleship to launch an airplane, in  
 1-39 1919, and the first navy ship to be fitted for commercial radar, in  
 1-40 1939; and

1-41 WHEREAS, A National Historic Landmark and the flagship of the  
 1-42 Texas Navy, the Battleship *Texas* is a living memorial to the brave  
 1-43 men who served aboard it over the course of more than three decades;  
 1-44 even in repose, it continues to play an important role in the lives  
 1-45 of Texans and other Americans, and it is crucial that we preserve  
 1-46 this vital link to our nation's past; now, therefore, be it

1-47 RESOLVED, That the 84th Legislature of the State of Texas  
 1-48 hereby respectfully urge the Congress of the United States to  
 1-49 provide federal funding for repairs to the Battleship *Texas*; and,  
 1-50 be it further

1-51 RESOLVED, That the Texas secretary of state forward official  
 1-52 copies of this resolution to the president of the United States, to  
 1-53 the president of the Senate and speaker of the House of  
 1-54 Representatives of the United States Congress, and to all members  
 1-55 of the Texas delegation to Congress with the request that this  
 1-56 resolution be entered in the Congressional Record as a memorial to  
 1-57 the Congress of the United States of America.

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