

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, John Wayne is the prototypical American hero,
2 symbolizing such traits as self-reliance, grace under pressure,
3 resolve, and patriotism; and

4 WHEREAS, Born Marion Robert Morrison on May 26, 1907, in
5 Winterset, Iowa, he moved with his parents as a young boy to
6 California; in 1916, while the family was living in Glendale, he
7 began going by "Duke," a nickname that followed him throughout his
8 life; and

9 WHEREAS, In 1925, he began attending the University of
10 Southern California on a football scholarship, playing offensive
11 lineman; after breaking his collarbone in a surfing accident before
12 his junior year, he withdrew from the university and found
13 employment with Fox Film Corporation as a laborer moving set props
14 and as an occasional extra in movies; and

15 WHEREAS, While working at the studio, he met Wyatt Earp, who
16 was serving as a consultant to Western film director John Ford, and
17 he subsequently adopted some of Earp's mannerisms for his roles as a
18 cowboy; and

19 WHEREAS, The first film in which he appeared as the leading
20 actor was *The Big Trail*, released in 1930; it was then that the
21 studio gave him the screen name "John Wayne," which he would use for
22 the remainder of his acting career; and

23 WHEREAS, Starring in classic Western films such as
24 *Stagecoach*, *Red River*, *The Searchers*, and *True Grit*, Wayne

1 personified the archetypal cowboy who is rough-edged and
2 plainspoken, but who is also capable of great warmth, kindness, and
3 generosity; he won an Oscar in 1970 for Best Actor for his role as
4 Rooster Cogburn in *True Grit*; and

5 WHEREAS, Although best known for his Westerns, John Wayne
6 starred in many movies in other genres, such as the World War II
7 films *Flying Tigers* and *Sands of Iwo Jima*; and

8 WHEREAS, Wayne was an avid supporter of the United States
9 military and toured bases and hospitals in the South Pacific in 1943
10 and 1944 with the United Service Organizations; and

11 WHEREAS, In *The Alamo*, his first film as a director, John
12 Wayne played the role of Davy Crockett; the film won an Oscar
13 nomination in 1961 for Best Picture; Wayne also directed and
14 starred in *The Green Berets*, which was released in 1968 and which
15 was set in Vietnam; and

16 WHEREAS, Over the course of his acting career, John Wayne
17 practically invented the Western hero by combining rugged
18 masculinity with the courage to stand up to authority when
19 necessary, the strength to match any opponent, and the
20 determination to prevail against great odds; John Wayne endures as
21 a cultural icon, and his films continue to appeal to new audiences;
22 now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the 84th Legislature of the State of Texas
24 hereby designate May 26 as John Wayne Day; and, be it further

25 RESOLVED, That in accordance with the provisions of Section
26 [391.004\(d\)](#), Government Code, this designation remain in effect
27 until the 10th anniversary of the date this resolution is finally

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1 passed by the legislature.

Parker

Straus	González	Otto
Allen	Guerra	Paddie
Alonzo	Guillen	Parker
Alvarado	Gutierrez	Paul
Anchia	Harless	Peña
Anderson of Dallas	Hernandez	Phelan
Anderson of McLennan	Herrero	Phillips
Ashby	Howard	Pickett
Aycock	Huberty	Price
Bell	Hughes	Raney
Bernal	Hunter	Raymond
Blanco	Isaac	Reynolds
Bohac	Israel	Riddle
Bonnen of Brazoria	Johnson	Rinaldi
Bonnen of Galveston	Kacal	Rodriguez of Bexar
Burkett	Keffer	Rodriguez of Travis
Burns	Keough	Romero, Jr.
Burrows	King of Hemphill	Rose
Button	King of Parker	Sanford
Canales	King of Taylor	Schaefer
Capriglione	King of Uvalde	Schofield
Clardy	Klick	Schubert
Coleman	Koop	Shaheen
Collier	Krause	Sheets
Cook	Kuempel	Sheffield
Craddick	Landgraf	Simmons
Crownover	Larson	Simpson
Cyrier	Laubenberg	Smith
Dale	Leach	Smithee
Darby	Longoria	Spitzer
Davis of Dallas	Lozano	Springer
Davis of Harris	Lucio III	Stephenson
Deshotel	Márquez	Stickland
Dukes	Martinez	Thompson of Brazoria
Dutton	Martinez Fischer	Thompson of Harris
Elkins	McClendon	Tinderholt
Faircloth	Metcalf	Turner of Collin
Fallon	Meyer	Turner of Harris
Farias	Miles	Turner of Tarrant
Farney	Miller of Comal	VanDeaver
Farrar	Miller of Fort Bend	Villalba
Fletcher	Minjarez	Vo
Flynn	Moody	Walle
Frank	Morrison	White of Bell
Frullo	Muñoz, Jr.	White of Tyler
Galindo	Murphy	Workman
Geren	Murr	Wray
Giddings	Naishtat	Wu
Goldman	Nevárez	Zedler
Gonzales	Oliveira	Zerwas

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 130 was adopted by the House on May 26, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 142, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 130 was adopted by the Senate on May 26, 2015, by a viva-voce vote.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____
Date

Governor