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## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, April 5, 2015, marks the joyful occasion of Easter,
 a holy day of great meaning to countless Americans; and

3 WHEREAS, Easter is the most sacred celebration in the 4 Christian faith, a time when people across the world join together 5 to commemorate the resurrection of Jesus Christ of Nazareth and the 6 gospel's resonant messages of hope, redemption, and eternal love; 7 and

8 WHEREAS, Observed on the Sunday following the first full moon 9 of the March equinox, Easter is the culmination of Lent, a 40-day 10 period of fasting and prayer, and the final day of Holy Week; the 11 week recounts Christ's last days on earth and crucifixion at the 12 hands of Roman authorities, an event that is remembered with solemn 13 reverence during Good Friday; and

14 WHEREAS, For many Christians, Easter is a time to reflect on the miracle of Christ's resurrection, and to worship and gather 15 16 with family and friends; many of Easter's venerable traditions have, over the centuries, become woven into our way of life; 17 although these customs may vary, rebirth and renewal manifest as 18 common themes, providing symbolic reference to Christ's ascension 19 20 and the promise that -- as the new growth of spring arises from the 21 dormancy of winter -- so too will hope triumph over despair; and

WHEREAS, The teachings of Christ have inspired people throughout the ages to strive for a better world and a more meaningful life; as it has been for two millennia, the unchanging

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H.R. No. 27 1 message of salvation contained in the Easter story is a strong 2 source of comfort and joy for many; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
Legislature hereby commemorate Easter 2015.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 27 was adopted by the House on February 26, 2015, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House