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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, March 2 marks the anniversary of that historic day
2 in 1836 when residents of Texas officially declared their
3 independence from Mexico, thereby giving birth to the independent
4 republic that would stand on its own for more than nine years before
5 becoming the 28th state of the Union; and

6 WHEREAS, The proud Texans who issued the call for
7 independence were members of the Convention of 1836, which met at
8 Washington-on-the-Brazos on March 1 of that fateful year; as they
9 gathered, the valiant defenders of the Alamo were facing off
10 against the troops of Mexican ruler Antonio López de Santa Anna, and
11 the Texas revolutionaries had reached a crucial point in their
12 campaign for greater political freedom; and

13 WHEREAS, Stating the views of the delegates in no uncertain
14 terms, the Texas Declaration of Independence listed their
15 grievances against the Mexican government and announced their bold
16 conclusion: "*that the people of Texas do now constitute a free,*
17 *Sovereign, and independent republic, and are fully invested with*
18 *all the rights and attributes which properly belong to independent*
19 *nations*"; and

20 WHEREAS, Winning that independence on the battlefield would
21 take another six weeks and the lives of many brave Texans, but with
22 this remarkable proclamation, the 59 signatories of the Texas
23 Declaration of Independence had enunciated a vision of liberty,
24 independence, and just government and charted a dramatic new course

1 for the land they called home; now, therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
3 Legislature hereby commemorate Texas Independence Day 2016 and pay
4 tribute to the immense contributions of those individuals who
5 helped to found the Republic of Texas.