

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Each year, Texans join in celebrating the Fourth of
2 July in honor of the day America's founding fathers adopted one of
3 the landmark documents of modern history, the Declaration of
4 Independence; and

5 WHEREAS, Independence Day gatherings are a beloved American
6 tradition, one that brings together citizens of many different
7 backgrounds and that fosters a welcome sense of community; at such
8 times, the Stars and Stripes waves proudly as individuals across
9 the country pause to reflect on the ideals that undergird the great
10 American experiment, a government of the people, by the people, and
11 for the people; and

12 WHEREAS, The dream envisioned by this nation's founders has
13 not been secured without tremendous cost; from the colonial
14 militias who skirmished with muskets to the brave men and women who
15 serve today in the world's most sophisticated fighting force, the
16 sacrifices of our troops have been extraordinary; we can never
17 fully repay the debt owed to our military personnel for the service
18 they have rendered or to their families for the deprivations they
19 have endured; nonetheless, on this special day we extend our
20 heartfelt gratitude and profound respect to those on the front
21 lines and to their loved ones on the home front; and

22 WHEREAS, The Fourth of July serves as a reminder of the solemn
23 promise of freedom that has defined America since the delegates of
24 the Continental Congress made their famous declaration in 1776; as

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1 Texans gather to celebrate Independence Day in 2016, we will give
2 thanks for the blessing of self-government and pledge anew to
3 uphold the principles of life, liberty, and the pursuit of
4 happiness, axioms so eloquently affirmed at the birth of our
5 nation; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
7 Legislature hereby commemorate the Fourth of July, 2016.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 55 was adopted by the House on
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Chief Clerk of the House