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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Chicano History Week commences on February 2, 2015,  
2 the 167th anniversary of the signing of the Treaty of Guadalupe  
3 Hidalgo; and

4 WHEREAS, A crucial document in the annals of both the United  
5 States and Mexico, the 1848 treaty ended two years of war between  
6 the nations; Mexico recognized the annexation of Texas by the  
7 United States, accepted the Rio Grande as the state's southern  
8 border, and gave up about half of its territory, including  
9 modern-day California, Arizona, New Mexico, Texas, and parts of  
10 Colorado, Nevada, and Utah; and

11 WHEREAS, Approximately 80,000 Mexicans lived in the ceded  
12 area at the time, and the vast majority chose to become United  
13 States citizens; although the treaty granted protection of their  
14 property and civil rights, decades of land seizures ensued, and by  
15 the end of the 19th century, most Mexicans in the region had lost  
16 their land; and

17 WHEREAS, The Chicano movement that arose in the 1960s and  
18 1970s focused attention on failed promises of the treaty; Hispanic  
19 civil rights leaders raised awareness of the document's importance  
20 in their struggle to promote social justice for Mexican Americans,  
21 and, in working to gain representation and recognition, they also  
22 developed an enduring consciousness of a long and rich heritage  
23 that continues to inspire us today; now, therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas

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1 Legislature hereby recognize February 2-8, 2015, as Chicano History  
2 Week and encourage all Texans to learn more about the enormous  
3 contributions made by Chicanos to the vibrant culture of the Lone  
4 Star State.