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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, March 27, 2016, marks the joyful occasion of Easter,
2 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
15 the miracle of Christ's resurrection, and to worship and gather
16 with family and friends; many of Easter's venerable traditions
17 have, over the centuries, become woven into our way of life;
18 although these customs may vary, rebirth and renewal manifest as
19 common themes, providing symbolic reference to Christ's ascension
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

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

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1 message of salvation contained in the Easter story is a strong
2 source of comfort and joy for many; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
4 Legislature hereby commemorate Easter 2016.