

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The signing of the Meusebach-Comanche Peace Treaty  
2 is an important chapter in the story of Texas, and it is indeed  
3 appropriate to reflect on the impact of that landmark event; and

4           WHEREAS, In the mid-1840s, John O. Meusebach, commissioner  
5 general of the Society for the Protection of German Immigrants in  
6 Texas, acquired headrights to property in the Fisher-Miller Land  
7 Grant, which included more than three million acres of land between  
8 the Llano and Colorado Rivers; the grant stipulated that the land  
9 had to be settled and surveyed by the fall of 1847, requiring the  
10 settlers to reach an agreement with the Comanches, who occupied  
11 much of the territory; and

12           WHEREAS, Mr. Meusebach along with a delegation of settlers  
13 set out from Fredericksburg in early 1847 en route to Comanche  
14 territory, where they planned to broker a deal with the  
15 inhabitants; that March, he met with head chiefs Buffalo Hump,  
16 Santa Anna, and Mopechucope and their tribe, offering gifts worth  
17 \$3,000 in exchange for the guaranteed safety of surveyors and  
18 colonists; agreeing to those terms, the chiefs traveled to  
19 Fredericksburg, and on May 9, they signed the Meusebach-Comanche  
20 Treaty; and

21           WHEREAS, The historic document opened an expansive region for  
22 settlement and established domestic tranquility between colonists  
23 and Native Americans, and the long-standing pact continues to be an  
24 inspiring example of goodwill and coexistence; now, therefore, be

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2           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas  
3 Legislature hereby recognize May 9, 2015, as Meusebach-Comanche  
4 Peace Treaty Day at the State Capitol and pay tribute to the  
5 collaborative work between John O. Meusebach and the Comanche  
6 chiefs.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 566 was adopted by the House on March 5, 2015, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House