

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Greeks around the world are commemorating the 194th
2 anniversary of a pivotal moment in their history with the
3 observance of Greek Independence Day on March 25, 2015; and

4 WHEREAS, After centuries of oppression under the Ottoman
5 Empire, the Greeks rose up in March 1821 when the courageous Bishop
6 Germanos of Patras raised the flag of revolution over the Monastery
7 of Agia Lavra in the Peloponnese; the Greeks were badly
8 outnumbered, but they adopted the cry "freedom or death" as their
9 motto and stayed true to it; and

10 WHEREAS, Greek representatives declared their nation's
11 independence in January 1822 and drafted a modern constitution in a
12 national assembly; although the struggle continued, the freedom
13 fighters were resolved to restore the principles of democracy
14 established by Greece during antiquity; the nation finally achieved
15 recognition as an independent state with the signing of the Treaty
16 of Edirne in 1829; and

17 WHEREAS, Greece and the United States are both founded on the
18 bedrock principle of self-determination, and they share a culture
19 that values faith, community, civic engagement, and the democratic
20 form of government; this significant date in the Greek calendar
21 provides an ideal opportunity to celebrate the deep connections
22 between our countries and to acknowledge the many contributions
23 made by people of Greek descent to the United States and the world;
24 now, therefore, be it

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1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
2 Legislature hereby recognize March 25, 2015, as Greek Independence
3 Day and encourage all Texans to learn more about the history of
4 Greece and its democracy.

Bonnen of Brazoria

Straus	González	Paddie
Allen	Guerra	Parker
Alonzo	Guillen	Paul
Alvarado	Gutierrez	Peña
Anchia	Harless	Phelan
Anderson of Dallas	Hernandez	Phillips
Anderson of McLennan	Herrero	Pickett
Ashby	Howard	Price
Aycock	Huberty	Raney
Bell	Hughes	Raymond
Bernal	Hunter	Reynolds
Blanco	Isaac	Riddle
Bohac	Israel	Rinaldi
Bonnen of Brazoria	Johnson	Rodriguez of Bexar
Bonnen of Galveston	Kacal	Rodriguez of Travis
Burkett	Keffer	Romero, Jr.
Burns	Keough	Rose
Burrows	King of Hemphill	Sanford
Button	King of Parker	Schaefer
Canales	King of Taylor	Schofield
Capriglione	King of Uvalde	Schubert
Clardy	Klick	Shaheen
Coleman	Koop	Sheets
Collier	Krause	Sheffield
Cook	Kuempel	Simmons
Craddick	Landgraf	Simpson
Crownover	Larson	Smith
Cyrier	Laubenberg	Smithee
Dale	Leach	Spitzer
Darby	Longoria	Springer
Davis of Dallas	Lozano	Stephenson
Davis of Harris	Lucio III	Stickland
Deshotel	Márquez	Thompson of Brazoria
Dukes	Martinez	Thompson of Harris
Dutton	Martinez Fischer	Tinderholt
Elkins	McClendon	Turner of Collin
Faircloth	Metcalf	Turner of Harris
Fallon	Meyer	Turner of Tarrant
Farias	Miles	VanDeaver
Farney	Miller of Comal	Villalba
Farrar	Miller of Fort Bend	Vo
Fletcher	Moody	Walle
Flynn	Morrison	White of Bell
Frank	Muñoz, Jr.	White of Tyler
Frullo	Murphy	Workman
Galindo	Murr	Wray
Geren	Naishtat	Wu
Giddings	Nevárez	Zedler
Goldman	Oliveira	Zerwas
Gonzales	Otto	

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1144 was adopted by the House on March 17, 2015, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House