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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.