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# RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, For millennia, Indigenous People of Indigenous  
2 Nations have been good stewards, honoring and protecting this land,  
3 including the land called Texas, which we cherish; and

4 WHEREAS, Indigenous People are very spiritual, with a deep  
5 and abiding belief in a Creator, and have maintained a powerful  
6 spiritual connection to the land for centuries; and

7 WHEREAS, While struggling for survival since the arrival of  
8 Europeans in North America, the Indigenous People have remained  
9 resilient, determined to protect the lands of their heritage and to  
10 preserve their unique cultural identities and transmit them to  
11 future generations; and

12 WHEREAS, For centuries, the governments of this country,  
13 including the Republic of Texas and subsequently the State of  
14 Texas, endorsed policies carried out by the militia that harmed the  
15 Indigenous People because the political leaders who signed treaties  
16 upon their honor did not keep their promises; and

17 WHEREAS, The Indigenous People's culture was forever altered  
18 and their livelihood was decimated by their systematic removal from  
19 their historic lands; families were separated and entire tribes  
20 were purged; the buffalo herds, which the people held sacred and  
21 which had sustained their culture for centuries, were destroyed;  
22 and

23 WHEREAS, In spite of the transgressions visited upon them,  
24 the Indigenous People have remained steadfast in their traditional

1 commitment to protect this great land by continuing to serve  
2 honorably, with distinction, in the military forces of the United  
3 States in all wars since the founding of this nation; and

4 WHEREAS, We recognize the transformative effect of  
5 acknowledging mistakes; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas  
7 Legislature hereby acknowledge regret for the trespasses of our  
8 predecessors against the Indigenous People, express respect for the  
9 culture of the Indigenous People, and honor them for their  
10 stewardship and protection of this land; and, be it further

11 RESOLVED, That the Texas House of Representatives commit to  
12 building an honest, constructive relationship and to forging a  
13 covenant with the Creator and all Indigenous People to work toward  
14 achieving our mutual goal of a society that advances opportunities  
15 for all citizens of this great state we call home.