

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, For millennia, people of Indigenous Nations, the
2 more than 200 Native American groups that populated what is now
3 central and southern Texas and northeastern Mexico before the
4 arrival of the first Europeans, have been good stewards, honoring
5 and protecting this cherished land, including Texas; and

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

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

14 WHEREAS, The Indigenous People have created and maintained
15 the Indigenous Cultures Institute in San Marcos to study and
16 catalog the changes and alterations to the Indigenous People's
17 culture "by their systematic removal from their historic lands; [in
18 which] families were separated and entire tribes were purged; [and]
19 the buffalo herds, which the people held sacred and which had
20 sustained their culture for centuries, were destroyed"; the
21 institute also strives to maintain their covenant with sacred
22 sites by partnering with local community organizations and support
23 groups that are dedicated to preserving the natural environment of
24 sites that Indigenous People consider sacred; and

1 WHEREAS, The Indigenous People remain steadfast in their
2 traditional commitment to protect this great land; additionally,
3 they continue to serve honorably, with distinction, in the military
4 forces of the United States; and

5 WHEREAS, A group representing the Indigenous Cultures
6 Institute and the Indigenous People, comprising more than 200
7 Native American groups, is visiting the Capitol today, and it is
8 appropriate to take this opportunity to welcome them; now,
9 therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
11 Legislature hereby welcome the members of the Indigenous Nations
12 and the Indigenous Cultures Institute on their visit to the Capitol
13 and offer its appreciation for their dedication to the research and
14 preservation of the culture, arts, traditions, ceremonies, and
15 languages of this population, collectively known as Coahuilteicans,
16 and their contributions to the state and nation in preserving the
17 natural environment of sites in Texas that Indigenous People
18 consider sacred; and, be it further

19 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
20 prepared for the group as an expression of high regard by the Texas
21 House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 2194

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2194 was adopted by the House on April 21, 2015, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House