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S.B. No. 870

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to replacing "Confederate Heroes Day" with "Civil War Remembrance Day" as a state holiday.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 662.003(b), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) A state holiday includes only the following days:

~~(1) [the 19th day of January, "Confederate Heroes Day," in honor of Jefferson Davis, Robert E. Lee, and other Confederate heroes;~~

~~(2)~~ the second day of March, "Texas Independence Day";

(2) ~~(3)~~ the 21st day of April, "San Jacinto Day";

(3) the second Monday in May, "Civil War Remembrance Day," in honor of the men and women who served during the Civil War;

(4) the 19th day of June, "Emancipation Day in Texas," in honor of the emancipation of the slaves in Texas in 1865;

(5) the 27th day of August, "Lyndon Baines Johnson Day," in observance of the birthday of Lyndon Baines Johnson;

(6) the Friday after Thanksgiving Day;

(7) the 24th day of December; and

(8) the 26th day of December.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.