

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Each year, the date of July 18 is recognized as
2 Nelson Mandela International Day, providing a welcome opportunity
3 to celebrate the life of a courageous and inspirational figure who
4 is revered around the globe; and

5 WHEREAS, Born into the Tembu tribe in the Transkei region of
6 South Africa in 1918, Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela earned a degree
7 from University College of Fort Hare and studied law at the
8 University of Witwatersrand; and

9 WHEREAS, In 1944, Mr. Mandela joined the African National
10 Congress, and he soon became actively engaged in resistance against
11 the racist apartheid policies of South Africa's ruling National
12 Party; as part of that effort, he helped launch the "Defiance"
13 campaign of civil disobedience in 1952; the government responded by
14 trying him for treason in the late 1950s, though he was ultimately
15 acquitted of that charge; and

16 WHEREAS, After the Sharpeville Massacre of 69 anti-apartheid
17 protestors in 1960, the ANC was banned, and Mr. Mandela began
18 advocating for armed resistance to the government; arrested in
19 1962, he was sentenced to five years of hard labor, and in a
20 separate trial that began the following year, he was sentenced to
21 life in prison; and

22 WHEREAS, From 1964 to 1982, Mr. Mandela was jailed in a small
23 cell on Robben Island, off the coast of Cape Town, and he was later
24 incarcerated at two prisons on the mainland; during his 25 years as

1 a prisoner, he endured harsh conditions while steadfastly refusing
2 to compromise his belief in justice and equal rights for all South
3 Africans; his valiant stand helped strengthen opposition to
4 apartheid, both within South Africa and around the world; and

5 WHEREAS, The anti-apartheid movement achieved one of its
6 greatest victories in 1990, when Mr. Mandela was released from
7 prison, and he soon became a key figure in the negotiations to
8 dismantle the country's unjust system of government; he received
9 the Nobel Peace Prize in 1993, and the following year he was elected
10 as South Africa's president in the nation's first multiracial
11 election; and

12 WHEREAS, In 2009, the General Assembly of the United Nations
13 voted unanimously to commemorate his birthday each year as Nelson
14 Mandela International Day; this observance emphasizes the ability
15 of individuals to effect positive change in their communities, and
16 it serves as a continuing reminder of the legacy of Mr. Mandela, who
17 passed away on December 5, 2013, at the age of 95; and

18 WHEREAS, Over the course of his life, Nelson Mandela followed
19 a difficult and often lonely path in the pursuit of justice;
20 starting as an idealistic student determined to make his country a
21 better place, he went on to become a resolute and determined
22 prisoner of conscience and, finally, an admired international
23 figure who symbolizes the victory of freedom over oppression; now,
24 therefore, be it

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1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
2 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby recognize July 18, 2017, as
3 Nelson Mandela International Day.

Giddings

Straus	Goldman	Oliverson
Allen	Gonzales of Williamson	Ortega
Alonzo	González of El Paso	Paddie
Alvarado	Gooden	Parker
Anchia	Guerra	Paul
Anderson of Dallas	Guillen	Perez
Anderson of McLennan	Gutierrez	Phelan
Arévalo	Hefner	Phillips
Ashby	Hernandez	Pickett
Bailes	Herrero	Price
Bell	Hinojosa	Raney
Bernal	Holland	Raymond
Biedermann	Howard	Reynolds
Blanco	Huberty	Rinaldi
Bohac	Hunter	Roberts
Bonnen of Brazoria	Isaac	Rodriguez of Bexar
Bonnen of Galveston	Israel	Rodriguez of Travis
Burkett	Johnson of Dallas	Romero, Jr.
Burns	Johnson of Harris	Rose
Burrows	Kacal	Sanford
Button	Keough	Schaefer
Cain	King of Hemphill	Schofield
Canales	King of Parker	Schubert
Capriglione	King of Uvalde	Shaheen
Clardy	Klick	Sheffield
Coleman	Koop	Shine
Collier	Krause	Simmons
Cook	Kuempel	Smithee
Cortez	Lambert	Springer
Cosper	Landgraf	Stephenson
Craddick	Lang	Stickland
Cyrier	Larson	Stucky
Dale	Laubenberg	Thierry
Darby	Leach	Thompson of Brazoria
Davis of Dallas	Longoria	Thompson of Harris
Davis of Harris	Lozano	Tinderholt
Dean	Lucio III	Turner
Deshotel	Martinez	Uresti
Dukes	Metcalf	VanDeaver
Dutton	Meyer	Villalba
Elkins	Miller	Vo
Faircloth	Minjarez	Walle
Fallon	Moody	White
Farrar	Morrison	Wilson
Flynn	Muñoz, Jr.	Workman
Frank	Murphy	Wray
Frullo	Murr	Wu
Geren	Neave	Zedler
Gervin-Hawkins	Nevárez	Zerwas
Giddings	Oliveira	

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 34 was adopted by the House on July 18, 2017, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House