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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Each year, Mexicans and Hispanics of Mexican descent
2 celebrate Diez y Seis as Mexican Independence Day, as they recall
3 the historic events of September 16, 1810; and

4 WHEREAS, Diez y Seis de Septiembre marks the beginning of the
5 revolution that occurred after years of oppressive rule by Spain;
6 Catholic priest and national hero Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla touched
7 off the long-simmering rebellion when he ordered the arrest of
8 native Spaniards in the town of Dolores and encouraged the
9 indigenous peoples of Mexico to overthrow the brutal Spanish
10 regime; and

11 WHEREAS, Today, Father Hidalgo is revered as the father of
12 Mexican independence; his call for freedom and for social and
13 economic justice continues to evoke heartfelt feelings of pride and
14 patriotism at home and to inspire oppressed people of all
15 nationalities; and

16 WHEREAS, Every year on September 16, Father Hidalgo's *Grito*
17 *de Independencia*, or "Shout of Independence," is proclaimed by the
18 president of Mexico from the balcony of the National Palace, as well
19 as by the governor of each state, and the cry "Viva Mexico" resounds
20 from the gathered multitudes in tribute to this national hero and
21 all who took up the long, arduous struggle for self-determination;
22 now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
24 Legislature hereby recognize Diez y Seis de Septiembre, 2017, and

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1 pay tribute to the many native Mexicans who gave their lives in the
2 quest for freedom and independence.