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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, March 2, 2017, marks the 181st anniversary of the
2 adoption of the Texas Declaration of Independence, the moment in
3 1836 when proud Texans proclaimed an independent republic and took
4 the first steps down a road that would lead, nine years later, to
5 Texas' joining the Union as the 28th state; and

6 WHEREAS, The delegates to the Convention of 1836 assembled on
7 March 1 at Washington-on-the-Brazos, meeting in an unfinished
8 building in bitterly cold weather; even as they set about forging a
9 new nation, the defenders of the Alamo were preparing to face the
10 final assault by the troops of General Antonio López de Santa Anna;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Adopted on March 2, the Declaration of Independence
13 listed many grievances against the government of Mexico, citing,
14 among other things, its despotism, violence, and abridgement of
15 civil liberties; the document concluded by boldly declaring "that
16 the people of Texas do now constitute a free, Sovereign, and
17 independent republic, and are fully invested with all the rights
18 and attributes which properly belong to independent nations"; and

19 WHEREAS, Five copies of the declaration were immediately
20 dispatched to Béxar, Goliad, Nacogdoches, Brazoria, and San Felipe,
21 and another 1,000 copies were distributed as printed handbills; on
22 March 6, the men of the Alamo made their heroic last stand, and
23 nearly seven weeks after that, General Sam Houston and his 900
24 troops, with the cry of "Remember the Alamo!" on their lips,

1 defeated Santa Anna's army at San Jacinto, bringing an end to
2 Mexican rule in Texas; and

3 WHEREAS, One of the pivotal dates in Texas history, March 2
4 continues to be celebrated annually by Texans across the length and
5 breadth of the state; on this occasion, Texas Independence Day,
6 they reflect upon the freedoms they enjoy and honor the courage and
7 sacrifice of the men and women who, against the odds, brought these
8 blessings to pass; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
10 Legislature hereby commemorate Texas Independence Day 2017 and pay
11 tribute to the memory of those individuals who founded the Republic
12 of Texas.