

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Millions of Americans from across the country joined  
2 together to celebrate the first Earth Day on April 22, 1970,  
3 rallying around the idea of protecting the environment for future  
4 generations; and

5           WHEREAS, More than four and a half decades later, this  
6 special day provides a welcome occasion for all Texans to reflect on  
7 the diverse landscapes and vibrant beauty of our state and to renew  
8 our commitment to preserving its water, air, land, and wildlife;  
9 from the arid desert landscape of West Texas and the hills, rivers,  
10 and lakes of Central Texas to the rich forests of East Texas, plains  
11 of the Panhandle, and unique habitat of the Gulf Coast, the Lone  
12 Star State is indeed an ecological treasure; and

13           WHEREAS, To best honor the environmental legacy of past  
14 generations of Texans and maintain this natural wealth for  
15 posterity, it is vital for citizens of the Lone Star State to be  
16 mindful custodians of our shared resources; and

17           WHEREAS, One particularly important objective of Earth Day is  
18 to support environmental literacy by promoting science,  
19 technology, engineering, and math (STEM) subjects in the classroom;  
20 such training will help to ensure that young Texans have the tools  
21 they need to understand the challenges facing the planet and  
22 creatively work toward solutions; and

23           WHEREAS, By promoting sustainable consumption, adopting  
24 measures to conserve energy and water, and laying a foundation for a

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1 successful clean energy economy, we can embrace our role as  
2 stewards and work together for the benefit of our great state; now,  
3 therefore, be it

4       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas  
5 Legislature hereby commemorate Earth Day on April 22, 2017, and  
6 encourage all Texans to defend and maintain our precious resources  
7 for future generations to enjoy.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1407 was adopted by the House on April 27, 2017, by a non-record vote.

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