

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The observance of American Family Reunion Days from
2 July 1 to 4, 2017, provides an opportunity to celebrate the timeless
3 values on which our nation was founded; and

4 WHEREAS, In 1776, the Second Continental Congress convened in
5 Philadelphia on July 1 to deliberate over a break from tyranny; the
6 following day, the committee of the whole voted in favor of the
7 Resolution for Independence offered by Richard Henry Lee of
8 Virginia; this document declared "that these United Colonies are,
9 and of right ought to be, free and independent States, that they are
10 absolved from all allegiance to the British Crown, and that all
11 political connection between them and the State of Great Britain
12 is, and ought to be, totally dissolved"; and

13 WHEREAS, On July 4, 1776, the Continental Congress adopted
14 the Declaration of Independence, written largely by Thomas
15 Jefferson, with the assistance of John Adams and Ben Franklin; the
16 famous preamble states: "We hold these truths to be self-evident;
17 that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their
18 Creator with certain inalienable rights; that among these are life,
19 liberty and the pursuit of happiness; that to secure these rights,
20 governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers
21 from the consent of the governed"; and

22 WHEREAS, Today, citizens continue to treasure the
23 inalienable rights they enjoy as members of the American family,
24 and by marking the anniversary of a tremendous milestone in the

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1 history of democracy and of our nation, we reaffirm our
2 centuries-long commitment to freedom; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
4 Legislature hereby recognize July 1 through 4, 2017, as American
5 Family Reunion Days.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2021 was adopted by the House on May 25, 2017, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House