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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, For more than two centuries, the American flag has  
2 symbolized the values, ideals, and spirit of our nation, and  
3 Americans celebrate Flag Day each year to mark the anniversary of  
4 the official adoption of the Stars and Stripes on June 14, 1777; and

5           WHEREAS, The idea for an annual day of celebration of the  
6 American flag is believed to have originated in 1885, when a  
7 Wisconsin public school teacher arranged for his students to  
8 commemorate "Flag Birthday" on June 14; four years later, a  
9 kindergarten teacher in New York City took up the cause, and in  
10 1894, Chicago hosted a general public school observance in parks  
11 around the city that drew the participation of more than 300,000  
12 children; celebrations were held throughout the late 19th century  
13 by the Betsy Ross House in Philadelphia, the New York Society of the  
14 Sons of the Revolution, and the National Society of the Colonial  
15 Dames of America in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and

16           WHEREAS, In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson issued a  
17 proclamation establishing Flag Day as a nationwide observance,  
18 calling on Americans to consider it "a day upon which we should  
19 direct our minds with a special desire of renewal to thoughts of the  
20 ideals and principles of which we have sought to make our great  
21 Government the embodiment"; with the holiday growing in popularity  
22 in communities around the country, President Harry Truman signed an  
23 Act of Congress in 1949 officially designating June 14 as National  
24 Flag Day; and

1           WHEREAS, The flag that once united our fledgling democracy  
2 continues to be a beacon of hope and freedom for people around the  
3 world, and Flag Day serves as an occasion to celebrate the legacy of  
4 "Old Glory" and to reflect on the national heritage for which it  
5 stands; now, therefore, be it

6           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas  
7 Legislature hereby commemorate June 14, 2017, as Flag Day and  
8 encourage all Texans to display and pay respect to the American  
9 flag.