

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Every year on July 4, Americans join together to
2 commemorate the adoption of the Declaration of Independence by the
3 founding fathers of this great nation; and

4 WHEREAS, Fourth of July gatherings are a beloved American
5 tradition, when individuals across the United States pause to
6 remember the countless struggles and triumphs of those who worked
7 to build a government of the people, by the people, and for the
8 people; these celebrations bring together citizens of many
9 different backgrounds who all take pride in the American identity,
10 one embodying cherished ideals of freedom and equality; and

11 WHEREAS, From the colonial militias who carried muskets into
12 battle to the heroic men and women who serve in the U.S. armed
13 forces today, our military personnel have made incalculable
14 sacrifices in order to secure the dream envisioned by the nation's
15 founders; we owe a profound debt of gratitude to our troops for
16 their selfless and courageous service, as well as to their families
17 for all they have endured, and on this special day we extend our
18 heartfelt appreciation to all those in uniform and to their loved
19 ones; and

20 WHEREAS, When the delegates to the Continental Congress made
21 their famous declaration in 1776, they laid the foundation for a
22 republic dedicated to the cause of just self-governance and charted
23 a bold new course for the land they called home; as Texans gather to
24 celebrate Independence Day 2017, we will pledge anew to uphold the

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1 solemn promise of freedom that has defined this country since its
2 birth and to treasure the rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit
3 of happiness that we all share; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
5 Legislature hereby commemorate the Fourth of July, 2017.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2259 was adopted by the House on May 25, 2017, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House