

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The observance of Constitution Day on September 17,  
2 2017, commemorates the signing of our nation's foundational  
3 document; and

4           WHEREAS, On September 17, 1787, the course of history was  
5 forever altered by the 39 delegates who added their names to the  
6 constitution, the world's oldest written national charter of  
7 government; it provided the framework for our republic, and its  
8 opening words, "We the People," affirmed that citizens hold the  
9 responsibility for determining the course of their country; and

10           WHEREAS, The framers of the constitution, in their great  
11 wisdom, separated and balanced governmental powers to safeguard the  
12 principles of majority rule and minority rights, the ideals of  
13 liberty and equality, and the interests of the federal and state  
14 governments; and

15           WHEREAS, Creating a republic representative form of  
16 government, the first three articles of the constitution  
17 established the separate legislative, executive, and judicial  
18 branches, each limited in power by a system of checks and balances;  
19 the 10 amendments known as the Bill of Rights were added two years  
20 after the signing of the constitution in order to guarantee  
21 specific civil liberties; and

22           WHEREAS, The U.S. Congress passed a bill in 2004 designating  
23 September 17 as Constitution Day and requiring that schools teach  
24 students about the vital role of the constitution in our society;

1 the legislation prompts citizens to reflect upon the ideals of  
2 freedom set forth in the constitution and ensures that future  
3 generations will understand the importance of this historic  
4 document; and

5 WHEREAS, Since the 18th century, the United States  
6 Constitution has served as the bulwark of our liberty and as a model  
7 for the charter documents of emerging democracies around the world;  
8 now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas  
10 Legislature hereby recognize September 17, 2017, as Constitution  
11 Day and encourage all Texans to learn more about the many ways in  
12 which the U.S. Constitution continues to shape our lives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2262 was adopted by the House on May 25, 2017, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House