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## RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, April 21, 2019, marks the joyful occasion of Easter,

- 2 a holy day of great meaning to countless Americans; and
- 3 WHEREAS, Easter is the most sacred celebration in the
- 4 Christian faith, a time when people across the world join together
- 5 to commemorate the resurrection of Jesus Christ of Nazareth and the
- 6 gospel's resonant messages of hope, redemption, and eternal love;
- 7 and
- 8 WHEREAS, Observed on the Sunday following the first full moon
- 9 of the March equinox, Easter is the culmination of Lent, a 40-day
- 10 period of fasting and prayer, and the final day of Holy Week; the
- 11 week recounts Christ's last days on earth and crucifixion at the
- 12 hands of Roman authorities, an event that is remembered with solemn
- 13 reverence during Good Friday; and
- 14 WHEREAS, For many Christians, Easter is a time to reflect on
- 15 the miracle of Christ's resurrection, to worship, and to gather
- 16 with family and friends; many of Easter's venerable traditions
- 17 have, over the centuries, become woven into our way of life;
- 18 although these customs may vary, rebirth and renewal manifest as
- 19 common themes, providing symbolic reference to Christ's ascension
- 20 and the promise that—as the new growth of spring arises from the
- 21 dormancy of winter -- so too will hope triumph over despair; and
- 22 WHEREAS, The teachings of Christ have inspired people
- 23 throughout the ages to strive for a better world and a more
- 24 meaningful life; as it has been for two millennia, the unchanging

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- 1 message of salvation contained in the Easter story is a strong
- 2 source of comfort and joy for many; now, therefore, be it
- 3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
- 4 Legislature hereby commemorate Easter 2019.