

1 WHEREAS, Quanah Parker rose to become a powerful and
2 influential chief among the Quahada, and for years he led the
3 resistance to increased Anglo expansion in the Southern Plains;
4 under his direction, the Comanche eluded the Fourth United States
5 Cavalry in 1871 and 1872, but in 1874, an alliance of Comanche and
6 several other tribes under his leadership was defeated during a
7 raid at Adobe Walls in the Texas Panhandle; a year later, Quanah
8 Parker and the Quahada surrendered and settled on the
9 Kiowa-Comanche reservation in Oklahoma, where he was appointed as
10 the new chief of the tribe; and

11 WHEREAS, Leading by persuasion and example, Quanah Parker
12 helped his people come to terms with their new existence; he
13 promoted the creation of a ranching industry by working closely
14 with Anglo ranchers, and as part of that effort, he negotiated a
15 famous deal with the legendary Texas cattleman Charles Goodnight in
16 1878, permitting the JA Ranch to expand while providing beef for the
17 Comanche; a herd of surviving bison was allowed to continue roaming
18 the JA rangeland, and more than a century later, this arrangement
19 helped lead to the creation of the official State Bison Herd of
20 Texas, which now resides at Caprock Canyons State Park; and

21 WHEREAS, Quanah Parker's influence was also felt in other
22 areas; he was a strong proponent of schooling for Comanche children
23 and served on the tribal court and as the deputy sheriff of Lawton,
24 Oklahoma; in time, he became a very successful rancher in his own
25 right, and he remained a highly respected figure among the Comanche
26 until his death in 1911; and

27 WHEREAS, During one of the greatest social and cultural

1 shifts in American history, Quanah Parker served the Comanche
2 people first as a warrior and then as a statesman, helping them
3 retain their identity while adapting to a different way of life, and
4 he stands as a pivotal figure in the history of the Lone Star State;
5 now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the 86th Legislature of the State of Texas
7 hereby designate the second Saturday in September as Quanah Parker
8 Day; and, be it further

9 RESOLVED, That, in accordance with the provisions of Section
10 [391.004\(d\)](#), Government Code, this designation remain in effect
11 until the 10th anniversary of the date this resolution is finally
12 passed by the legislature.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.C.R. No. 7 was adopted by the Senate on April 17, 2019, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.C.R. No. 7 was adopted by the House on May 22, 2019, by the following vote: Yeas 143, Nays 1, two present not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor