

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 124**

**WHEREAS**, Proud Texans are gathering in the rotunda of the State Capitol to celebrate the 20th annual State of Texas Anniversary Remembrance Day, or STAR Day, on February 18, 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, The last president of the Republic of Texas, Dr. Anson Jones, lowered the flag of the republic for the final time in Austin on February 19, 1846, and the Stars and Stripes were then raised in its place; the assembled crowd also witnessed the swearing-in of the state's first governor, James Pinckney Henderson; and

**WHEREAS**, In 1999, the 76th Texas Legislature recognized February 19 as STAR Day, to mark the anniversary of the day that authority was formally transferred from the government of the Republic of Texas to that of the new State of Texas; the day is regularly observed with programs in public schools and other places to commemorate the annexation of the state and to inspire a greater appreciation of its history; and

**WHEREAS**, This year's STAR Day ceremony at the State Capitol will feature a performance by the R. D. McAdams Junior High School choir of the Dickinson Independent School District; in addition, the ceremony will also commemorate Iwo Jima Day, the anniversary of the American invasion of Iwo Jima during World War II, with a presentation of colors by members of the Round Rock High School Marine Corps ROTC; and

**WHEREAS**, In creating STAR Day, Texas lawmakers sought to foster an appreciation for the rich heritage of the Lone Star State and to encourage an awareness among young Texans that their own contributions will be vital to the continuing progress and prosperity of this great land; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 86th Legislature, hereby recognize February 18, 2019, as State of Texas Anniversary Remembrance Day.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 19, 2019.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate