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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud Pakistani Americans are marking the 74th  
2 anniversary of Pakistan's independence on August 14, 2021; and

3 WHEREAS, Present-day Pakistan and other parts of the Indian  
4 subcontinent were colonized by the British beginning in the 1750s,  
5 and British rule continued for nearly 200 years; an independence  
6 movement took root in the early 20th century and gained strength in  
7 the decades that followed; in the midst of this seismic change, the  
8 head of the All India Muslim League, Mohammed Ali Jinnah, strove to  
9 ensure the security of the Muslim minority by demanding a separate,  
10 self-governing state; and

11 WHEREAS, In the years immediately following World War II, the  
12 British government sought to withdraw from the region; Prime  
13 Minister Clement Attlee ceded control in August 1947, and India and  
14 Pakistan became two separate countries; Pakistanis chose  
15 Mr. Jinnah, known as Quaid-e Azam, or "Great Leader," to be  
16 governor-general of their new nation; though he succumbed to  
17 illness just 13 months after achieving his dream of independence  
18 for his native land, his vision sustained Pakistan during its  
19 difficult early days; almost three-quarters of a century later, the  
20 country is home to more than 225 million people, and individuals who  
21 trace their heritage to Pakistan are valued residents of  
22 communities around the globe; and

23 WHEREAS, The observance of Pakistan Independence Day  
24 provides an opportunity for Texans of Pakistani descent to

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1 celebrate their rich cultural heritage, and it is indeed a pleasure  
2 to join in marking this significant occasion; now, therefore, be it

3         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas  
4 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby commemorate Pakistan  
5 Independence Day on August 14, 2021, and pay tribute to the  
6 important contributions Pakistani Americans have made to our state  
7 and nation.