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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, On August 15, 2021, the people of India and
2 individuals of Indian descent the world over are commemorating the
3 date that the nation achieved its independence from British rule;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, The colonization of India by the British began in
6 1757 and continued for nearly two centuries; during World War I and
7 in the years that followed, the Indian independence movement gained
8 momentum under the leadership of Mohandas Gandhi, who urged his
9 followers to fight for their sovereignty through peaceful means;
10 British colonial authorities responded by jailing Gandhi and
11 hundreds of others, but opposition to British rule continued to
12 grow among the Indian people; following the conclusion of World War
13 II, the moment of liberation was at hand; and

14 WHEREAS, On August 15, 1947, the Indian Independence Act went
15 into effect, establishing India as a sovereign country; over the
16 past 74 years, it has emerged as a vibrant, culturally rich, and
17 economically diverse nation that is the most populous democracy in
18 the world; and

19 WHEREAS, Each year, Indian Independence Day is observed on
20 August 15, and festivities include flag-raising ceremonies, kite
21 flying, and cultural presentations; these traditions are
22 celebrated not only in India but also in the United States and in
23 the many other countries around the globe that benefit from a large
24 Indian community; and

1 WHEREAS, The story of India's hard-fought and ultimately
2 victorious struggle for independence continues to resonate
3 strongly with those who champion the cause of liberty, and it is a
4 pleasure to join in celebrating the anniversary of the nation's
5 establishment; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
7 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby commemorate Indian
8 Independence Day on August 15, 2021, and pay tribute to the
9 important contributions made by Indian Americans to our state and
10 nation.