

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 commemorated the date
3 that the nation achieved its independence from British rule; and

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

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

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

24 WHEREAS, The story of India's hard-fought and ultimately

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1 victorious struggle for independence continues to resonate
2 strongly with those who champion the cause of liberty, and it is a
3 pleasure to recognize the anniversary of the nation's
4 establishment; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
6 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby commemorate Indian
7 Independence Day on August 15, 2021, and pay tribute to the
8 important contributions made by Indian Americans to our state and
9 nation.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 81 was adopted by the House on August 30, 2021, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House