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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 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

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.