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H.C.R. No. 60

Substitute the following for H.C.R. No. 60:

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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Residents and friends of the United States will mark
2 the 250th anniversary of the nation's founding on July 4, 2026, and
3 the United States Semiquincentennial Commission is working
4 tirelessly to organize and facilitate the observance of this
5 milestone; and

6 WHEREAS, Established by the Semiquincentennial Commission
7 Act of 2016, the United States Semiquincentennial Commission is a
8 federal commission that collaborates with affiliates at the local,
9 territorial, state, tribal, regional, national, and international
10 levels; the initiative strives to educate, engage, and unite
11 Americans throughout a commemorative period that ranges from 2020
12 to 2027, and its efforts will culminate in the Fourth of July events
13 of 2026; and

14 WHEREAS, As of March 10, 2021, 11 states have established
15 organizations to highlight themselves in the 250th commemoration by
16 planning and implementing programs that honor the history and
17 culture of the United States and those states' contributions,
18 including public art displays, museum exhibitions, and educational
19 curriculums, and the commission expects the widest participation to
20 occur through state and local projects like these; and

21 WHEREAS, Since the adoption of the Declaration of
22 Independence in 1776, Americans have treasured the rights to life,
23 liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, and Texas can pay tribute to
24 these important values and highlight its contributions to them by

1 joining in the celebration of the United States' 250th anniversary;
2 now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the 87th Legislature of the State of Texas
4 hereby create the Texas America 250 Commission and work jointly
5 with the United States Semiquincentennial Commission to help
6 celebrate the semiquincentennial of the United States; and, be it
7 further

8 RESOLVED, That the commission include any federal designees
9 residing in the state as well as a member or designee of each of the
10 following commissions and departments: the Office of the Governor,
11 Economic Development and Tourism; the Texas Parks and Wildlife
12 Commission; the State Board of Education; the Bullock Texas State
13 History Museum; the Texas State Library and Archives Commission;
14 and other related historical organizations; and, be it further

15 RESOLVED, That the commission may enter into a contract with
16 one or more nonprofit entities for the purposes of supporting the
17 activities and mission of the commission, soliciting and accepting
18 private donations and public funds, grants, and donations in order
19 to carry out the purposes of the commission; and, be it further

20 RESOLVED, That the commission and partnership be abolished on
21 December 31, 2026.