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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, March 25, 2021, marks the 200th anniversary of the
2 start of the revolution that freed the Greek people from centuries
3 of oppression under the Ottoman Empire; and

4 WHEREAS, In designing a democratic government for the United
5 States, the founding fathers drew on the political experience and
6 philosophy of ancient Greeks, who vested the supreme power in the
7 people; and

8 WHEREAS, After Texas won its independence from Mexico in
9 1836, the citizens of Texas derived inspiration from the principles
10 of democracy and liberty forged in Greece and built on those same
11 ideals when they formed their own government; and

12 WHEREAS, Both American and Greek cultures value faith and a
13 democratic form of government; our nations have long opposed
14 tyranny, and we share a willingness to make sacrifices to advance
15 the cause of freedom and equality; and

16 WHEREAS, The governor of the State of Texas first recognized
17 March 25 as Greek Independence Day in 1943, and the event remains
18 important in many Texas communities, where those of Greek ancestry
19 mark the day in churches, homes, and community centers with
20 religious services and celebrations; and

21 WHEREAS, Today, we join with all those who cherish freedom
22 and self-determination to commemorate this historic date and to
23 reaffirm the democratic vision that gave birth to our two great
24 nations; now, therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
2 Legislature hereby recognize March 25, 2021, as Greek Independence
3 Day and honor the important contributions made by Greek Americans
4 on this significant occasion.