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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, On Mother's Day, May 9, 2021, sons and daughters  
2 across Texas and the nation will make an extra effort to honor those  
3 special women who raised them and to celebrate the fundamental and  
4 enduring institution of motherhood; and

5           WHEREAS, This annual celebration took root in the years  
6 before the Civil War, when Ann Reeves Jarvis organized "Mother's  
7 Day Work Clubs" to reduce child mortality by improving sanitation  
8 conditions and to help nurse and provide medicine for the sick;  
9 after the war, Mrs. Jarvis created "Mother's Friendship Day"; and

10           WHEREAS, After the death of Ann Reeves Jarvis in 1905, her  
11 daughter, Anna Jarvis, envisioned a regular observance of Mother's  
12 Day, when individuals would visit their mothers or attend church  
13 while wearing white carnations, her own mother's favorite flower;  
14 in May 1908, Miss Jarvis arranged for a Mother's Day celebration to  
15 be held at St. Andrew's Methodist Church in Grafton, West Virginia;  
16 and

17           WHEREAS, Anna Jarvis went on to establish the Mother's Day  
18 International Association, and she embarked upon a letter-writing  
19 campaign urging legislators across the nation to adopt the holiday;  
20 by 1912, many states, communities, and churches across the country  
21 had begun to celebrate Mother's Day, and in 1914, President Woodrow  
22 Wilson created the national holiday by officially designating the  
23 second Sunday in May as a "public expression of our love and  
24 reverence for the mothers of our country"; and

1           WHEREAS, Over the course of the past century, Mother's Day  
2 has become a treasured occasion when we celebrate the irreplaceable  
3 bond between mother and child and when Americans of all ages and  
4 backgrounds express their affection and gratitude to the women who  
5 nurtured, comforted, educated, and loved them; now, therefore, be  
6 it

7           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas  
8 Legislature hereby commemorate Mother's Day 2021 and pay tribute to  
9 all the mothers of the Lone Star State.