

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Across the Lone Star State, many Texans will
2 celebrate El Día de los Muertos in the autumn of 2021; and

3 WHEREAS, El Día de los Muertos, or the Day of the Dead, is a
4 traditional Mexican holiday observed November 1 and 2; a blend of
5 Mesoamerican ritual, European religion, and Spanish culture, the
6 holiday has roots that go back 3,000 years, to the ancient cultures
7 of the Aztecs and other peoples of pre-Columbian America; it is a
8 time to recognize death as a natural part of the cycle of life, and
9 festivities often include facial makeup, costumes, and revelry; and

10 WHEREAS, During El Día de los Muertos, it is believed that the
11 border between the worlds of the living and the dead dissolve, and
12 the souls of the dead can return to eat, drink, dance, and make
13 music with their loved ones; traditionally, participants welcome
14 the departed by building makeshift altars called *ofrendas* and
15 adorning them with offerings of flowers, photographs, favorite
16 foods, candles, and other objects; and

17 WHEREAS, Among the most prominent symbols of the holiday are
18 *calacas* (skeletons) and *calaveras* (skulls), and in 1910, the
19 satirical cartoonist José Guadalupe Posada created La Calavera
20 Catrina, or the Elegant Skull, a female skeleton with makeup and
21 fancy clothes which has become one of the most iconic images of the
22 holiday; and

23 WHEREAS, Each year on El Día de los Muertos, friends and
24 family gather in a celebration that is both solemn and joyful, and

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1 the holiday in 2021 represents a fine opportunity for all Texans to
2 honor the dead and rejoice in another year of life; now, therefore,
3 be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
5 Legislature hereby commemorate El Día de los Muertos 2021 and
6 extend to all who participate sincere best wishes for a meaningful
7 and memorable holiday.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2099 was adopted by the House on May 31, 2021, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House