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S.C.R. No. 23

1 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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

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

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

22 WHEREAS, Since the adoption of the Declaration of
23 Independence in 1776, Americans have treasured the rights to life,
24 liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, and Texas can pay tribute to

1 these important values by joining in the celebration of the United
2 States' 250th anniversary; 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 will include any federal
9 designees residing in the state as well as a member or designee of
10 each of the following commissions and departments: the Office of
11 the Governor, Economic Development and Tourism; the Texas Parks and
12 Wildlife Commission; the State Board of Education; the Bullock
13 Texas State History Museum; and the Texas State Library and
14 Archives Commission; and, be it further

15 RESOLVED, That the commission be funded solely through
16 donations and federal funds and that it be abolished on December 31,
17 2026.