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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 America 250 is working tirelessly to organize and facilitate the  
4 observance of this milestone; and

5 WHEREAS, Established by the Semiquincentennial Commission  
6 Act of 2016, America 250 is a federal commission that collaborates  
7 with affiliates at the local, territorial, state, tribal, regional,  
8 national, and international levels; the initiative strives to  
9 educate, engage, and unite Americans throughout a commemorative  
10 period that ranges from 2020 to 2027, and its efforts will culminate  
11 in the Fourth of July events of 2026; and

12 WHEREAS, As of December 1, 2020, eight states have  
13 established organizations to support America 250 by planning and  
14 implementing programs that honor the history and culture of the  
15 United States, including public art displays, museum exhibitions,  
16 and educational curriculums, and the commission expects the widest  
17 participation to occur through state and local projects like these;  
18 and

19 WHEREAS, Since the adoption of the Declaration of  
20 Independence in 1776, Americans have treasured the rights to life,  
21 liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, and Texas can pay tribute to  
22 these important values by joining in the celebration of the United  
23 States' 250th anniversary; now, therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the 87th Legislature of the State of Texas

1 hereby create an America 250 state commission and work jointly with  
2 the federal America 250 commission to help celebrate the  
3 semiquincentennial of the United States; and, be it further

4       RESOLVED, That the commission will include any federal  
5 designees residing in the state as well as a member or designee of  
6 each of the following commissions and departments: the Office of  
7 the Governor, Economic Development and Tourism; the Texas Parks and  
8 Wildlife Commission; the State Board of Education; the Bullock  
9 Texas State History Museum; and the Texas State Library and  
10 Archives Commission; and, be it further

11       RESOLVED, That the commission be funded solely through  
12 donations and federal funds and that it be abolished on December 31,  
13 2026.