

1-1 By: Schwertner S.C.R. No. 23
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 9, 2021; March 18, 2021, read
 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Administration;
 1-4 April 13, 2021, reported adversely, with favorable Committee
 1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 6, Nays 0; April 13, 2021,
 1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8 Schwertner	X			
1-9 Johnson	X			
1-10 Alvarado	X			
1-11 Buckingham			X	
1-12 Huffman	X			
1-13 Menéndez	X			
1-14 Springer	X			

1-16 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.C.R. No. 23 By: Johnson

1-17 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1-18 WHEREAS, Residents and friends of the United States will mark
 1-19 the 250th anniversary of the nation's founding on July 4, 2026, and
 1-20 the United States Semiquincentennial Commission is working
 1-21 tirelessly to organize and facilitate the observance of this
 1-22 milestone; and

1-23 WHEREAS, Established by the Semiquincentennial Commission
 1-24 Act of 2016, the United States Semiquincentennial Commission is a
 1-25 federal commission that collaborates with affiliates at the local,
 1-26 territorial, state, tribal, regional, national, and international
 1-27 levels; the initiative strives to educate, engage, and unite
 1-28 Americans throughout a commemorative period that ranges from 2020
 1-29 to 2027, and its efforts will culminate in the Fourth of July events
 1-30 of 2026; and

1-31 WHEREAS, As of March 10, 2021, 11 states have established
 1-32 organizations to highlight themselves in the 250th commemoration by
 1-33 planning and implementing programs that honor the history and
 1-34 culture of the United States, including public art displays, museum
 1-35 exhibitions, and educational curriculums, and the commission
 1-36 expects the widest participation to occur through state and local
 1-37 projects like these; and

1-38 WHEREAS, Since the adoption of the Declaration of
 1-39 Independence in 1776, Americans have treasured the rights to life,
 1-40 liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, and Texas can pay tribute to
 1-41 these important values by joining in the celebration of the United
 1-42 States' 250th anniversary; now, therefore, be it

1-43 RESOLVED, That the 87th Legislature of the State of Texas
 1-44 hereby create the Texas America 250 Commission and work jointly
 1-45 with the United States Semiquincentennial Commission to help
 1-46 celebrate the semiquincentennial of the United States; and, be it
 1-47 further

1-48 RESOLVED, That the commission will include any federal
 1-49 designees residing in the state as well as a member or designee of
 1-50 each of the following commissions and departments: the Office of
 1-51 the Governor, Economic Development and Tourism; the Texas Parks and
 1-52 Wildlife Commission; the State Board of Education; the Bullock
 1-53 Texas State History Museum; and the Texas State Library and
 1-54 Archives Commission; and, be it further

1-55 RESOLVED, That the commission be funded solely through
 1-56 donations and federal funds and that it be abolished on December 31,
 1-57 2026.

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