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R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, March 2 marks the anniversary of that historic day in 1836 when residents of Texas officially declared their independence from Mexico, thereby giving birth to the independent republic that would stand on its own for more than nine years before becoming the 28th state of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, The proud Texans who issued the call for independence were impelled by Mexican dictator Antonio López de Santa Anna's adoption of a new constitution in 1836, which eliminated all vestiges of states' rights for Texas and other Mexican states; members of the Convention of 1836 met at Washington-on-the-Brazos on March 1 of that fateful year and wrote the Texas Declaration of Independence; as they gathered, the valiant defenders of the Alamo faced off against the troops of Santa Anna, thereby reaching a crucial point in their campaign for greater political freedom; and

WHEREAS, A free and independent Republic of Texas was officially declared on March 2, 1836; stating the views of the delegates in no uncertain terms, the Texas Declaration of Independence listed their grievances against the Mexican government and announced their bold conclusion: "*that the people of Texas do now constitute a free, Sovereign, and independent republic, and are fully invested with all the rights and attributes which properly belong to independent nations*"; and

WHEREAS, The 59 signatories of the Texas Declaration of Independence enunciated a vision of liberty, independence, and just government, further spurring their fellow Texans to press forward for the next six weeks on the battlefield; the victory over Santa Anna at San Jacinto on April 21 solidified Texas' de facto independence, and Texans began a dramatic new course of life in the land they called home; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas Legislature hereby commemorate Texas Independence Day 2024 and pay tribute to the immense contributions of those individuals who helped to found the Republic of Texas.