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H.B. No. 2703

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to designating July as American Patriotism Month.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 662, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 662.117 to read as follows:

Sec. 662.117. AMERICAN PATRIOTISM MONTH. (a) July is American Patriotism Month to:

(1) celebrate the United States of America and honor the values and principles on which it was founded; and

(2) recognize:

(A) the brave patriots who fought for the right of self-governance in the American War of Independence and those who volunteered to serve this country in every conflict fought since the founding of this country;

(B) the founding fathers of the United States of America and the framers of the Constitution;

(C) the astronauts who won the space race and walked on the moon, and the people who supported them;

(D) the civil rights leaders and activists who risked their lives to fight for equal rights for all Americans; and

(E) the resilience, patriotism, and unity shown by the American people after the September 11, 2001, terror attacks.

(b) American Patriotism Month shall be regularly observed

1 by appropriate ceremonies and activities that help citizens develop
2 a sense of national pride and national identity.

3 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
4 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
5 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
6 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
7 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.