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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, October 2, 2025, will mark the 190th anniversary of  
2 the Battle of Gonzales; and

3 WHEREAS, A pivotal moment in the history of Texas, the Battle  
4 of Gonzales was the culmination of discord between the increasingly  
5 repressive government of Mexico and Texas colonists accustomed to  
6 semi-autonomy; Mexican president Antonio López de Santa Anna,  
7 elected in 1833, began to abandon federalism and consolidate power  
8 in Mexico City, abolishing Mexico's Constitution of 1824 and  
9 merging Texas with a neighboring state to form the state of Coahuila  
10 y Texas; and

11 WHEREAS, Tensions escalated in Gonzales in early October  
12 1835, when the Mexican Army arrived to reclaim a cannon that had  
13 been loaned to the town for its protection; citizens refused to give  
14 up the cannon, citing the Constitution of 1824, and on October 2,  
15 Mexican troops and the Gonzales colonists met on the field of  
16 battle; and

17 WHEREAS, The Texans fired upon the Mexican troops, who  
18 retreated; attempts to reach a diplomatic solution then foundered,  
19 and the fighting continued until the Mexican Army retreated again,  
20 returning to San Antonio without the cannon; now determined to rout  
21 the enemy, the victorious Texan force increased its numbers and  
22 pursued the Mexican troops; under the command of Stephen F. Austin,  
23 the Texans laid siege to Mexican-occupied San Antonio, and the war  
24 for independence was truly underway; and

1           WHEREAS, The Battle of Gonzales signaled the start of the  
2 Texas Revolution, and the courage and resolve demonstrated by the  
3 Texans in this conflict is a lasting source of inspiration to all  
4 who abhor tyranny; now, therefore, be it

5           RESOLVED, That the 89th Legislature of the State of Texas  
6 hereby commemorate the 190th anniversary of the Battle of Gonzales.