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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, October 9, 2025, will mark the 190th anniversary of
2 the Battle of Goliad, the second confrontation of the Texas
3 Revolution; and

4 WHEREAS, The Battle of Goliad was part of the Goliad Campaign
5 of 1835, which resulted in critical victories for Texas forces;
6 after emerging as president of Mexico in 1834, Antonio López de
7 Santa Anna was determined to suppress any movements that supported
8 federalism and opposed his rule; in September 1835, General Santa
9 Anna ordered his brother-in-law, General Martín Perfecto de Cos, to
10 chastise the "Texians," as Anglo residents were called at the time,
11 for their attitude and to investigate Anahuac citizens who refused
12 to pay duties to the central Mexican government; and

13 WHEREAS, General Santa Anna's efforts to suppress rebellion
14 were resisted by militia and newly formed committees of safety and
15 correspondence; one group of Texians led by Captain James W. Fannin
16 Jr. of the Brazos Guards began planning to intercept General Cos at
17 Copano or Goliad and prevent his march toward San Antonio de Béxar;
18 however, that plan was deterred when the Texians decided to instead
19 join forces in Gonzales, where the first armed clash of the Texas
20 Revolution occurred on October 2, 1835; three days later, General
21 Cos departed from Goliad, leaving behind only a small garrison at
22 the nearby Presidio La Bahía del Espíritu Santo; and

23 WHEREAS, Two Texian companies combined in Victoria under the
24 leadership of Captain George M. Collinsworth to carry out the plan

1 to stop General Cos, and after recruiting additional volunteers,
2 the group totaled some 120 men; during the journey to Goliad, one of
3 the Texians received word that General Cos had already left town,
4 but Captain Collinsworth's company was undeterred; and

5 WHEREAS, On October 9, the Texians arrived at Presidio La
6 Bahía at about 11 p.m., taking the garrison by surprise; the ensuing
7 battle lasted approximately 30 minutes before the Texian forces
8 successfully captured the presidio from the Mexicans, who saw 3 of
9 their soldiers killed, 7 wounded, and 21 taken prisoner, and no
10 Texians were killed in the conflict; Goliad was located along an
11 important route between the city of Béxar and the port of Copano on
12 Aransas Bay, making Texian control of the town essential in the
13 eventual defeat of General Cos in the siege of Béxar; and

14 WHEREAS, The Battle of Goliad was a crucial victory in the
15 early days of the Texas Revolution, and it remains a symbol of the
16 indomitable spirit that has defined and shaped the destiny of the
17 Lone Star State throughout the nearly two centuries that have
18 followed; now, therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the 89th Legislature of the State of Texas
20 hereby commemorate the 190th anniversary of the Battle of Goliad
21 and honor the sacrifices of all those who took up arms to help
22 secure Texas independence in 1836.