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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, March 2, 2026, will mark the 190th anniversary of
2 the establishment of the Republic of Texas; and

3 WHEREAS, On March 1, 1836, amid mounting tensions with
4 Mexico, delegates from across Texas convened in the new town of
5 Washington; the president of the convention, Richard Ellis,
6 appointed a committee to draft a declaration of independence;
7 George Childress, the chair of the committee, is generally believed
8 to have drafted the document, quite possibly even before his
9 arrival; the U.S. Declaration of Independence served as its model;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, While conducting their work, the delegates received
12 regular reports from San Antonio, where Mexican General Antonio
13 López de Santa Anna's troops were laying siege to the Alamo; the
14 convention considered the 12-page declaration of independence on
15 March 2, and the motion to adopt was made by Sam Houston; and

16 WHEREAS, The delegates also approved a constitution for the
17 new Republic of Texas; in addition, they elected an interim
18 government led by David G. Burnet as president, with Lorenzo de
19 Zavala as vice president, Samuel P. Carson as secretary of state,
20 Thomas J. Rusk as secretary of war, Robert Potter as secretary of
21 the navy, Bailey Hardeman as secretary of the treasury, and David
22 Thomas as attorney general; and

23 WHEREAS, On March 15, the terrible news of the fall of the
24 Alamo reached the convention; two days later, delegates learned

1 that the Mexican army had advanced within 60 miles of Washington,
2 and they adjourned in great haste; just over a month later, though,
3 the Texans would win the Battle of San Jacinto, and the independence
4 of the Republic of Texas was truly secured; and

5 WHEREAS, The love of freedom is the founding principle of the
6 Lone Star State, and the signing of the Texas Declaration of
7 Independence on March 2, 1836, marked a turning point in a
8 fascinating history that continues to inspire people across the
9 country and around the world; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the 89th Legislature of the State of Texas
11 hereby commemorate the 190th anniversary of the establishment of
12 the Republic of Texas.