

By: Lowe

H.C.R. No. 163

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, On April 21, 2026, Texans will commemorate the 190th
2 anniversary of the Battle of San Jacinto, the decisive
3 confrontation of the Texas Revolution; and

4 WHEREAS, Following their defeats at the Alamo and the Battle
5 of Goliad, the "Texian," as Anglo residents were called at the time,
6 army retreated in March 1836, and Texas President David G. Burnet's
7 provisional government was forced to flee from General Antonio
8 López de Santa Anna's advancing Mexican combatants; General Santa
9 Anna's pursuit shifted his focus away from the troops led by Major
10 General Sam Houston, and after General Santa Anna's soldiers
11 reached Harrisburg--now part of the present-day city of
12 Houston--General Houston directed his men to press forward to face
13 them, delivering an eloquent speech in which he called upon them to
14 "Remember the Alamo!" and "Remember Goliad!"; while en route, they
15 intercepted Mexican couriers, who informed them of the location and
16 strength of General Santa Anna's forces; and

17 WHEREAS, On April 20, 1836, the Texians and Tejanos--as
18 Hispanic supporters of Texas independence were known--engaged
19 General Santa Anna's army in a brief skirmish, but the Mexican
20 leader, surprised by the rebels' presence, opted to delay a full
21 battle in favor of waiting for reinforcements; the following
22 afternoon, General Houston issued orders to attack; although the
23 approximately 900 Texians and Tejanos faced a numerically superior
24 force of around 1,300 Mexican troops, General Santa Anna had made

1 the ultimately disastrous decision to allow his soldiers to rest as
2 he expected that fighting would commence the next day; and

3 WHEREAS, The Texians and Tejanos capitalized on that
4 miscalculation, catching their adversaries off-guard and clinching
5 victory in just 18 minutes; virtually the entire Mexican army was
6 conquered in the aftermath, with 630 of their troops killed, 730
7 captured, and 280 wounded; by contrast, only 9 colonists lost their
8 lives in the battle, and 34 were left wounded; once he had been
9 located, General Santa Anna was compelled to order his troops to
10 withdraw completely from Texas and to never return; and

11 WHEREAS, The two Treaties of Velasco ended the hostilities
12 and brought about the formal recognition of Texas as an independent
13 territory; the era of the Republic of Texas drew to a close nearly a
14 decade later with Texas' annexation by the United States in 1845,
15 and the ensuing war between the U.S. and Mexico resulted in the
16 Texas borders expanding to the Rio Grande River and the subsequent
17 U.S. acquisition of present-day California, Arizona, New Mexico,
18 and portions of Utah, Nevada, and Colorado; and

19 WHEREAS, As the culminating engagement of the Texas
20 Revolution, the Battle of San Jacinto marked the conclusive defeat
21 of Mexican forces and paved the way for the birth of a sovereign
22 Texas, and it remains a symbol of the indomitable spirit that has
23 defined and shaped the destiny of the Lone Star State throughout the
24 nearly two centuries that followed; now, therefore, be it

25 RESOLVED, That the 89th Legislature of the State of Texas
26 hereby commemorate the 190th anniversary of the Battle of San
27 Jacinto and honor the sacrifices of all those who took up arms to

H.C.R. No. 163

1 secure Texas independence in 1836.