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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, May 14, 2026, will mark the 190th anniversary of the
2 signing of the Treaties of Velasco, which drew the Texas Revolution
3 to a close and brought about the formal recognition of Texas as an
4 independent territory; and

5 WHEREAS, After the defeat of Mexican forces at the Battle of
6 San Jacinto in 1836, two treaties were signed by Texas Ad Interim
7 President David G. Burnet and Mexican General Antonio López de
8 Santa Anna; one of the treaties was immediately made public, and the
9 other was kept private with the agreement that the secret treaty
10 would be carried out once the public treaty had been fulfilled; and

11 WHEREAS, With 10 articles, the public treaty stipulated that
12 hostilities would cease, that Mexican forces would withdraw beyond
13 the Rio Grande without Texan interference, and that General Santa
14 Anna would be sent to Mexico as soon as possible and would not again
15 take up arms against Texas; the public treaty also included
16 provisions for the equal exchange of prisoners and the restoration
17 of property confiscated by Mexicans; and

18 WHEREAS, The private treaty had six articles and promised the
19 liberation of General Santa Anna on the condition that the general
20 use his influence to secure Mexico's acknowledgement of Texas
21 independence; General Santa Anna also agreed to give orders for the
22 withdrawal of Mexican troops, to have the Mexican cabinet receive a
23 Texas mission favorably, and to work for a treaty of commerce and
24 limits specifying that the Texas boundary not lie south of the Rio

1 Grande; and

2 WHEREAS, In pursuance of the public treaty, General Vicente
3 Filisola began withdrawing the Mexican troops; however, the Texas
4 army refused to send General Santa Anna to Mexico, thus preventing
5 the Texas government from carrying out the private treaty, and the
6 Mexican government later declared void any act done by General
7 Santa Anna while in captivity; with the Treaties of Velasco
8 violated by both governments and not recognized by either, Mexico
9 would not officially acknowledge Texas independence until the
10 signing of the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo in 1848; and

11 WHEREAS, The signing of the Treaties of Velasco was an
12 important step in the negotiation for Texas independence, and it is
13 indeed fitting to recognize this historic event; now, therefore, be
14 it

15 RESOLVED, That the 89th Legislature of the State of Texas
16 hereby commemorate the 190th anniversary of the signing of the
17 Treaties of Velasco and honor the sacrifices of all those who took
18 up arms to secure Texas independence in 1836.