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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, March 2, 2026, marks the 190th anniversary of that  
2 historic day in 1836 when residents of Texas officially declared  
3 their independence from Mexico, thereby giving birth to the  
4 independent republic that would stand on its own for more than nine  
5 years before becoming the 28th state of the United States of  
6 America; and

7           WHEREAS, The proud Texans who issued the call for  
8 independence were impelled by Mexican dictator Antonio López de  
9 Santa Anna's adoption of a new constitution in 1836, which  
10 eliminated all vestiges of states' rights for Texas and other  
11 Mexican states; members of the Convention of 1836 met at  
12 Washington-on-the-Brazos on March 1 of that fateful year and wrote  
13 the Texas Declaration of Independence; as they gathered, the  
14 valiant defenders of the Alamo faced off against the troops of Santa  
15 Anna, thereby reaching a crucial point in their campaign for  
16 greater political freedom; and

17           WHEREAS, A free and independent Republic of Texas was  
18 officially declared on March 2, 1836; stating the views of the  
19 delegates in no uncertain terms, the Texas Declaration of  
20 Independence listed their grievances against the Mexican  
21 government and announced their bold conclusion: "*that the people of*  
22 *Texas do now constitute a free, Sovereign, and independent*  
23 *republic, and are fully invested with all the rights and attributes*  
24 *which properly belong to independent nations*"; and

1           WHEREAS, The 59 signatories of the Texas Declaration of  
2 Independence enunciated a vision of liberty, independence, and just  
3 government, further spurring their fellow Texans to press forward  
4 for the next six weeks on the battlefield; the victory over Santa  
5 Anna at San Jacinto on April 21 solidified Texas' de facto  
6 independence, and Texans began a dramatic new course of life in the  
7 land they called home; now, therefore, be it

8           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas  
9 Legislature hereby commemorate the 190th anniversary of the  
10 adoption of the Texas Declaration of Independence and pay tribute  
11 to the immense contributions of those individuals who helped to  
12 found the Republic of Texas.