

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, On February 19, 1846, Texas President Anson Jones
2 presided over a formal ceremony completing annexation by lowering
3 the flag of the Republic of Texas and raising the flag of the United
4 States of America at the Capitol, whereby the Republic of Texas
5 ceased and the State of Texas commenced; and

6 WHEREAS, President Jones, through his leadership and
7 diplomacy on behalf of the Republic, became known as the "architect
8 of annexation," and he concluded the ceremony in this final act by
9 stating that "the Republic of Texas is no more"; and

10 WHEREAS, Anson Jones served as the fourth and final President
11 of the Republic of Texas from December 9, 1844, to February 19,
12 1846; and

13 WHEREAS, Anson Jones previously served the Republic of Texas
14 as an advocate for Independence, a Congressman, Senator, Secretary
15 of State, and Minister to the United States; and

16 WHEREAS, Anson Jones was a soldier and surgeon in the Texas
17 Army and fought at the Battle of San Jacinto, where Texas won its
18 Independence from Mexico; and

19 WHEREAS, Anson Jones further contributed to Texas by helping
20 to found the Texas Medical Association, Holland Lodge No. 36 in
21 Brazoria, the Grand Lodge of Texas, and the Philosophical Society
22 of Texas; and

23 WHEREAS, Anson Jones's gravesite is located at the historic
24 Glenwood Cemetery in Houston, Texas; and

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1 WHEREAS, Anson Jones exemplified the same spirit and yearning
2 for liberty as the founders of our Republic and State, and the
3 anniversary of this historic ceremony provides a fitting
4 opportunity to celebrate and honor his contributions to Texas and
5 its people, past and present; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas
7 Legislature hereby recognize February 19, 2025, as President Anson
8 Jones Day at the State Capitol.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 298 was adopted by the House on March 13, 2025, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House