

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Sons of the Republic of Texas is hosting its
2 Texas Independence Day observance at the Washington-on-the-Brazos
3 State Historic Site on March 2, 2025; and

4 WHEREAS, Dedicated to preserving and promoting Texas
5 history, SRT raises awareness of the contributions of early leaders
6 of our state, highlighting such enduring Texas values as freedom,
7 resilience, and self-governance; and

8 WHEREAS, Texas Independence Day celebrates the anniversary
9 of the signing of the Texas Declaration of Independence at
10 Washington-on-the-Brazos, now widely known as the "birthplace of
11 Texas," at the Convention of 1836; Richard Ellis, president of the
12 convention, appointed a committee on March 1 of that year to draft
13 the declaration; historians generally agree that the chair of the
14 committee, George C. Childress, authored the instrument largely
15 unassisted; it was presented to the convention on March 2; and

16 WHEREAS, Echoing the United States Declaration of
17 Independence, the Texas proclamation addresses the proper function
18 of government and enumerates the many ways in which Mexico failed to
19 "protect the lives, liberty, and property of the people"; a
20 recitation of grievances centers on the violation of promises made
21 to Anglo-American colonists regarding such essentials as public
22 education, trial by jury, and freedom of religion; the edict
23 condemns the rise of military despotism under General Antonio Lopez
24 de Santa Anna, "who having overturned the constitution of his

1 country, now offers us the cruel alternative, either to abandon our
2 homes, acquired by so many privations, or submit to the most
3 intolerable of all tyranny"; and

4 WHEREAS, After the declaration was signed by 59 delegates to
5 the convention, five copies were made and dispatched to the towns of
6 Bexar, Goliad, Nacogdoches, Brazoria, and San Felipe; the printer
7 at San Felipe was instructed to make a further 1,000 copies in
8 handbill form to reach the broader public; and

9 WHEREAS, The residents of House District 12, which includes
10 Washington County, cherish their special connection to the early
11 history of our state and maintain a commitment to preserving our
12 heritage and celebrating the courage and self-sacrifice of those
13 who fought for Texas independence; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas
15 Legislature hereby commemorate the 2025 Texas Independence Day
16 celebration at the Washington-on-the-Brazos State Historic Site
17 and extend to the Sons of the Republic of Texas sincere best wishes
18 for a meaningful and memorable event; and, be it further

19 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
20 prepared for the Sons of the Republic of Texas as an expression of
21 high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.

Wharton

Burrows	Guerra	Morales Shaw
Alders	Guillen	Morgan
Allen	Harless	Muñoz
Anchía	Harris	Noble
Ashby	Harris Davila	Olcott
Barry	Harrison	Oliverson
Bell of Kaufman	Hayes	Ordaz
Bell of Montgomery	Hefner	Orr
Bernal	Hernandez	Patterson
Bhojani	Hickland	Paul
Bonnen	Hinojosa	Perez of El Paso
Bowers	Holt	Perez of Harris
Bryant	Hopper	Phelan
Buckley	Howard	Pierson
Bucy	Hull	Plesa
Bumgarner	Hunter	Raymond
Button	Isaac	Reynolds
Cain	Johnson	Richardson
Campos	Jones of Dallas	Rodríguez Ramos
Canales	Jones of Harris	Romero
Capriglione	Kerwin	Rose
Cole	King	Rosenthal
Collier	Kitzman	Schatzline
Cook	LaHood	Schofield
Cortez	Lalani	Schoolcraft
Craddick	Lambert	Shaheen
Cunningham	Landgraf	Shofner
Curry	Leach	Simmons
Darby	Leo Wilson	Slawson
A. Davis of Dallas	Little	Smithee
Y. Davis of Dallas	Longoria	Spiller
Dean	Lopez of Bexar	Swanson
DeAyala	Lopez of Cameron	Talarico
Dorazio	Louderback	Tepper
Dutton	Lowe	Thompson
Dyson	Lozano	Tinderholt
Fairly	Lujan	Toth
Flores	Luther	Troxclair
Frank	Manuel	Turner
Gámez	Martinez	VanDeaver
Garcia of Bexar	Martinez Fischer	Vasut
Garcia of Dallas	McLaughlin	Villalobos
Garcia Hernandez	McQueeney	Virdell
Gates	Metcalf	Vo
Gerdes	Meyer	Walle
Geren	Meza	Ward Johnson
Gervin-Hawkins	Money	Wharton
González of Dallas	Moody	Wilson
González of El Paso	Morales of Harris	Wu
Goodwin	Morales of Maverick	Zwiener

H.R. No. 325

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 325 was adopted by the House on February 27, 2025, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House