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H.R. No. 325

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.