

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The observance of Basque American Day on June 29,  
2 2018, provides an ideal opportunity to celebrate a rich and  
3 venerable heritage; and

4           WHEREAS, In 2016, the Smithsonian Folklife Festival in  
5 Washington, D.C., highlighted the culture of the Basques; a number  
6 of state officials across the country set aside June 29 of that year  
7 to recognize Basque Americans, who trace their roots to one of the  
8 oldest indigenous enclaves in Europe, one that spans the Pyrenees  
9 Mountains in northern Spain and southwestern France; and

10           WHEREAS, Basques were among the earliest Europeans to visit  
11 the Americas, beginning with the earliest whale and cod fishing on  
12 the east coast, and transatlantic commercial trading; Christopher  
13 Columbus' flagship, the *Santa Maria*, was built in Basque shipyards,  
14 and all three vessels in his expedition had Basque expert sailors as  
15 crew members; as the exploration and settlement of the New World  
16 proceeded, Basques were especially involved in building and manning  
17 ships and maintaining the commercial trade that kept supplies  
18 flowing to American colonies; and

19           WHEREAS, Many Basques played a prominent role in the early  
20 history of Texas; in 1541, a number of Basque men accompanied  
21 Francisco Vásquez de Coronado on his quest for the Seven Cities of  
22 Gold; over a century later, Basque priest Francisco Ayeta founded  
23 three missions near present-day El Paso, which were among the first  
24 European outposts in the state; Juan Bautista Elguézabal was

1 interim governor of Texas at the time of the Louisiana Purchase, and  
2 his son, Juan José Elguézabal, born in San Antonio de Béxar, later  
3 served in the same capacity; Agustín de Itúrbide, the  
4 self-proclaimed emperor of Mexico, signed the first permit for  
5 Stephen F. Austin's Anglo American colony in 1823; and

6 WHEREAS, During the 19th and early 20th centuries, waves of  
7 immigrants from the Basque region sought greater opportunity in the  
8 United States, principally in the West, and they won admiration for  
9 their strong work ethic and expertise in business and agriculture;  
10 Basques have contributed to the development of our nation since its  
11 inception, and today, proud Americans of Basque descent continue to  
12 enrich its culture and enhance its prosperity; now, therefore, be  
13 it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas  
15 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby recognize June 29, 2018, as  
16 Basque American Day.

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Straus	Goldman	Oliverson
Allen	Gonzales of Williamson	Ortega
Alonzo	González of El Paso	Paddie
Alvarado	Gooden	Parker
Anchia	Guerra	Paul
Anderson of Dallas	Guillen	Perez
Anderson of McLennan	Gutierrez	Phelan
Arévalo	Hefner	Phillips
Ashby	Hernandez	Pickett
Bailes	Herrero	Price
Bell	Hinojosa	Raney
Bernal	Holland	Raymond
Biedermann	Howard	Reynolds
Blanco	Huberty	Rinaldi
Bohac	Hunter	Roberts
Bonnen of Brazoria	Isaac	Rodriguez of Bexar
Bonnen of Galveston	Israel	Rodriguez of Travis
Burkett	Johnson of Dallas	Romero, Jr.
Burns	Johnson of Harris	Rose
Burrows	Kacal	Sanford
Button	Keough	Schaefer
Cain	King of Hemphill	Schofield
Canales	King of Parker	Schubert
Capriglione	King of Uvalde	Shaheen
Clardy	Klick	Sheffield
Coleman	Koop	Shine
Collier	Krause	Simmons
Cook	Kuempel	Smithee
Cortez	Lambert	Springer
Cosper	Landgraf	Stephenson
Craddick	Lang	Stickland
Cyrier	Larson	Stucky
Dale	Laubenberg	Swanson
Darby	Leach	Thierry
Davis of Dallas	Longoria	Thompson of Brazoria
Davis of Harris	Lozano	Thompson of Harris
Dean	Lucio III	Tinderholt
Deshotel	Martinez	Turner
Dukes	Metcalf	Uresti
Dutton	Meyer	VanDeaver
Elkins	Miller	Villalba
Faircloth	Minjarez	Vo
Fallon	Moody	Walle
Farrar	Morrison	White
Flynn	Muñoz, Jr.	Wilson
Frank	Murphy	Workman
Frullo	Murr	Wray
Geren	Neave	Wu
Gervin-Hawkins	Nevárez	Zedler
Giddings	Oliveira	Zerwas

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 38 was adopted by the House on July 24, 2017, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House