

1-1 By: Parker, Button (Senate Sponsor - Campbell) H.C.R. No. 84  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 17, 2021;  
 1-3 May 17, 2021, read first time and referred to Committee on  
 1-4 Administration; May 20, 2021, reported favorably by the following  
 1-5 vote: Yeas 5, Nays 0; May 20, 2021, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

|      | Yea | Nay | Absent | PNV |
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| 1-8  | X   |     |        |     |
| 1-9  | X   |     |        |     |
| 1-10 | X   |     |        |     |
| 1-11 |     |     | X      |     |
| 1-12 | X   |     |        |     |
| 1-13 | X   |     |        |     |
| 1-14 |     |     | X      |     |

1-15 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1-16 WHEREAS, Recent changes in the global economy have introduced  
 1-17 new opportunities for a closer and more mutually beneficial trade  
 1-18 relationship between Texas and the United Kingdom; and

1-19 WHEREAS, Texans have a long history of friendship with the  
 1-20 United Kingdom; Sam Houston, president of the Republic of Texas,  
 1-21 was the first state leader to send a diplomatic mission to London,  
 1-22 and a plaque on St. James Street still marks the site of the  
 1-23 legation of the Republic of Texas; the first British Consulate in  
 1-24 the State of Texas was established in Galveston in 1846; and

1-25 WHEREAS, Today, the United Kingdom is the top source of  
 1-26 foreign direct investment in Texas, and subsidiaries of British  
 1-27 companies provide over 119,000 jobs for Texans; the UK is also one  
 1-28 of the state's largest global export markets, with British  
 1-29 households and businesses purchasing more than \$10.2 billion in  
 1-30 services and goods such as petroleum, aerospace products, and  
 1-31 medical equipment from Texas each year; moreover, high levels of  
 1-32 tourism and business travel bring our two peoples even closer, both  
 1-33 economically and culturally, while cooperation on major defense  
 1-34 projects such as the F-35 fighter jet project based in Fort Worth  
 1-35 emphasizes our shared security interests; and

1-36 WHEREAS, Represented by the British Consulate General in  
 1-37 Houston, the government of the United Kingdom works with Texas  
 1-38 state and municipal leaders, nongovernmental organizations, and  
 1-39 businesses to create a more prosperous future, and together Texans  
 1-40 and Britons share a commitment to defeat the COVID-19 pandemic and  
 1-41 recover from its economic effects, to create robust and resilient  
 1-42 supply chains, and to build a more secure energy infrastructure;  
 1-43 and

1-44 WHEREAS, The relationship between Texas and the UK can be  
 1-45 strengthened by continued dialogue on issues of trade and commerce  
 1-46 that fall within state jurisdiction, as well as the eventual  
 1-47 passage of a comprehensive free trade agreement between the United  
 1-48 States and the United Kingdom; and

1-49 WHEREAS, The State of Texas takes great pride in its  
 1-50 partnership with the United Kingdom, and the citizens of the Lone  
 1-51 Star State look forward to many more years of fruitful cooperation  
 1-52 with their friends across the Atlantic; now, therefore, be it

1-53 RESOLVED, That the 87th Legislature of the State of Texas  
 1-54 hereby recognize the vital importance of the enduring friendship  
 1-55 between Texas and the United Kingdom and commend all those  
 1-56 individuals who are working to maintain and strengthen that  
 1-57 relationship and the bonds of shared history, language, and  
 1-58 culture, including British Ambassador to the United States Karen  
 1-59 Pierce and British Consul General in Houston Richard Hyde; and, be  
 1-60 it further

1-61 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be

2-1 prepared for the Consul General of the United Kingdom in Houston and  
2-2 the British Ambassador to the United States in Washington, D.C., as  
2-3 an expression of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives  
2-4 and Senate.

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