**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE JAMES BUTLER BONHAM AND WILLIAM BARRET TRAVIS UPON THE OCCASION OF THE THREE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ALAMO.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are pleased to recognize James Butler Bonham and William Barret Travis, two South Carolinians from the Batesburg‑Leesville area who fought in the Battle of the Alamo; and

Whereas, before the Alamo was built, the San Antonio area was inhabited by the indigenous tribe of the Payaya people, who called it Yanaguana. Following Spanish expeditions into the area, a permanent Spanish settlement was built there, which eventually became the capital of Spanish Texas; and

Whereas, on May 1, 1718, the Alamo, originally known as the Mission San Antonio de Valero, was established by Martín de Alarcón, Governor of Coahuila y Tejas, and Fray Antonio de San Buenaventura y Olivares. Four days later, a garrison to protect the new mission was formed, known as the Presidio San Antonio de Béjar; and

Whereas, as the Spanish Empire declined, the Texas Revolution began, and the Battle of the Alamo was central to the offensive that ended the war. A pivotal moment in the fight, the 1836 battle led to the defeat of Mexican forces at San Jacinto. After this defeat and a period of Texan independence, Texas became the twenty-eighth state to enter the Union; and

Whereas, today, the Alamo, along with San Antonio’s four other area missions, is a UNESCO World Heritage site; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are grateful for the service of James Butler Bonham and William Barret Travis and the enduring mark they have made on the history of the United States. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, recognize James Butler Bonham and William Barret Travis upon the occasion of the three hundredth anniversary of the establishment of the Alamo.

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