

The Senate of The State of Texas

SENATE PROCLAMATION NO. 282

whereas, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to join citizens throughout the nation in recognizing the bicentennial of the birth of President Ulysses S. Grant; and

WHEREAS, Ulysses S. Grant was born on April 27, 1822, in Point Pleasant, Ohio; upon the outbreak of the Civil War, Grant joined the Union Army; he was a staunch defender of American liberties, and he rose to command the Union armies and became the

principal author of the Union victory; and

WHEREAS, General Grant displayed ingenious and tenacious generalship in numerous battles, including those at Forts Henry and Donelson and at Shiloh and Vicksburg, and throughout the Wilderness, Petersburg, and Appomattox Campaigns; he accepted the surrender of General Robert E. Lee on April 9, 1865, which effectively marked the end of the war and successfully reunited the nation; and

WHEREAS, A man of stature and leadership, Grant was elected president of the United States in 1868 and was reelected in 1872; he secured the ratification of the 15th Amendment, created the Department of Justice, and successfully resolved disputes with Spain and Great Britain; the Treaty of Washington, signed with the United Kingdom, established the principle of international

arbitration of disputes; and

WHEREAS, President Grant's military career is chronicled in the *Personal Memoirs of U.S. Grant*, his autobiography and a classic of American literature; his legacy lives on through his presidential library and through Grant's Tomb, a national memorial; he was a fierce leader and defender of civil liberties and rights, and he embodied the highest principles of service to the United States of America; now, therefore, be it

PROCLAIMED, That the Senate of the State of Texas hereby pay tribute to the memory of President Ulysses S. Grant on the occasion of the bicentennial of his birth; and, be it further

PROCLAIMED, That a copy of this Proclamation be prepared in honor of the occasion as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

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Member, Texas Senate

I hereby certify that the above Proclamation was adopted.

Secretary of the Senate





TEXAS SENATE