



TEXAS CONFEDERATE HEROES DAY AND CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL DAY



January 19 was Confederate Heroes Day here in Texas which celebrates the birthdays of General Robert E. Lee and President Jefferson Davis. The following legislation declared it a Texas State Holiday:

- **House Bill 126**, *42nd Legislature Regular Session. Chapter 8*. Approved and Effective January 30, 1931 as Robert E. Lee's Birthday.
- **Senate Bill 60**, *63rd Legislature Regular Session. Chapter 221*. Approved June 1, 1973 and Effective August 27, 1973 as Confederate Heroes Day. This bill deleted June 3rd as a holiday for Jefferson Davis' birthday and combined the two into Confederate Heroes Day.

I know many of you, your chapter members, and/or your District members attended the numerous celebrations that occurred to celebrate the birthdays of our great Southern leaders as well as our own "Confederate Heroes". Cotillions, Southern Balls, luncheons, memorial services, and chapter meetings with Confederate Song sing-alongs were held in the past.

Confederate Memorial Day is coming up in April. It is officially celebrated on April 26 and activities include marker dedications, grave-side and memorial services, and flags and wreaths placed on veterans' graves. April is also Texas Confederate History and Heritage Month per SR 526, adopted 30 Mar 1999. Our many ways of celebrating it include poetry readings at meetings and library display cases to educate the public and show the history of the War Between the States.

This summer when you are filling out the countless reports that are due, **PLEASE** remember to report your activities to the Texas Confederate Heroes Day and Confederate Memorial Day Committee. Both events are reported on the same form, so be sure to plan to attend a Memorial Day event if you did not attend a Confederate Heroes Day event. Let's take our Division President's theme to heart and **"Let Your Light Shine In Dixie"**.

Susan Sager, Committee Chairman
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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 526

WHEREAS, April is the month in which the Confederate States of America began and ended a four-year struggle for states' rights, individual freedom, and local government control; and

WHEREAS, The State of Texas declared herself to be a free and independent state and subsequently joined the Confederate States of America of which it was a member state from 1861 until 1865; and

WHEREAS, The battlefields, monuments, museums, and other historical sites to be found in Texas allow our citizens and visitors to remember, study, and appreciate the men and women of that unique time in the history of Texas and the nation; and

WHEREAS, The flag of the State of Texas was carried by Texas Confederate soldiers in every major battle of the War Between the States and the state contributed over 115,000 soldiers and sailors to the service of the Confederate States of America; and

WHEREAS, During the period of reconciliation, Texas Confederate veterans became instrumental in the continued development of our state and local governments and our institutions of higher learning; and

WHEREAS, We honor our past and draw from it the courage, strength, and wisdom to go forward into the future together as Texans and Americans; and

WHEREAS, The State of Texas has long recognized her Confederate history and the leaders who made sacrifices on behalf of the Confederate cause; and

WHEREAS, The Texans who served in the War Between the States are memorialized in almost every county in the state, and many cities and counties in the State of Texas bear the name of Confederate veterans; and

WHEREAS, It is important for all Texans to reflect upon our state's past and to respect the devotion of her Confederate leaders, soldiers, and citizens to the cause of Southern liberty; and

WHEREAS, In years since the war, the morally abhorrent practice of slavery has in the minds of many Texans become the prime motivation of Southern soldiers, despite the fact that 98 percent of Texas Confederate soldiers never owned a slave and never fought to defend slavery; and

WHEREAS, Politically correct revisionists would have Texas children believe that their Confederate ancestors fought for slavery when in fact most Texans joined the Confederate armed forces to defend their homes, their families, and their proud heritage as Texans; and

WHEREAS, Confederate Memorial Day in April is a time for all Texans to honor those men and women who died for Texas, and also all the Texans who came afterward and benefitted from their legacy of honor and devotion to our state; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 76th Legislature, hereby recognize April as Confederate History and Heritage Month in the State of Texas and encourage all Texas schools and citizens to join in efforts to become more knowledgeable of the role of the Confederate States of America in the history of our country.

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 30, 1999.
Jackson, President of the Senate