

Remarks by
Mrs. Ford
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I am deeply honored to become a citizen of Texas on this historic day. How much courage and inspiration we can take from those first Texans who won their independence and used it to build such a great State.

Something about the character of Texas captures the zest for freedom---that has kept America strong and growing for two hundred years.

Independence really is a description of a way of life. And Texas is a state whose people live independence by doing, achieving and building for the future.

I salute you as heirs of a fighting faith for freedom, born here at San Jacinto, nurtured by those who served on this proud battleship, and alive in the hearts and lives of all Americans.

You have a history proud to remember and proud to celebrate.