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LEARN FROM THOSE THAT LEAD: Many people do not remember that Texas was once its own country, having fought for its independence from Mexico in 1836 in what is to be known as the Texas Revolution. The Battle of the Alamo was perhaps the one etched in most people's memories, concluding on March 6, 1836. Texas had a President before they had a Governor, Sam Houston.

Sam was a leader, serving as the 1st & 3rd President of the Republic of Texas, later a US Senator, and also as the 7th governor of Texas, and the 6th governor of Tennessee. As a military leader, he led the Texan Army to victory at the Battle of San Jacinto. Yet with all these accolades, Texans still chose to join the United States of America, where they gave up control of being their own nation, and now being a part of a Compact with the US Constitution. **Sam Houston's** views on Federalism, might be summarized in his quote "*Govern wisely, and as little as possible.*" As any Texan might suggest, there is more to be said, but so little space to share it in. Maybe we should pause and learn from those that saw value in converting from an independent country to being a part of the American Experiment. Thoughts from U.S. Senator Ted Cruz. (yes, use the hyperlink)

"A leader is someone who helps improve the lives of other people or improve the system they live under."

- SAM HOUSTON

ARROGANCE OR CONFIDENCE

"Texas can make it without the United States, but the United States cannot make it without Texas"

- SAM HOUSTON

How do we ensure times of peace and security? Follow what we have done, as a leader of the Free World. While not perfect, and receiving bruises along the way, the USA has helped to raise the standard of living for all people globally, while recognizing the rights of individuals and the benefits that Freedoms bring to societies.

"A single courageous state may, if its citizens choose, serve as a laboratory; and try novel social and economic experiments without risk to the rest of the country."

- US SUPREME COURT JUSTICE
LOUISE BRANDEIS, 1932

When should the States encourage the Federal government to take on additional Roles, Responsibilities and Powers? When $\frac{3}{4}$ of the States conclude that they would like the Federal Government to take on additional Roles, Responsibilities and Powers "RRPs". Congress is not granted the right to assume anything, neither is the Supreme Court to assume that they can decide, it is only by the States individually ratifying by a $\frac{3}{4}$ majority can the Federal Government take on additional Roles, Responsibilities and Powers.