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H.C.R. No. 9

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The passage of the Freedom to Vote Act would help to  
2 protect Americans' right to vote; and

3 WHEREAS, On September 14, 2021, the Freedom to Vote Act was  
4 introduced in Congress by a group of moderate and progressive  
5 Democratic senators with the support of Senate Majority Leader  
6 Chuck Schumer; representing a compromise on issues addressed in the  
7 previously introduced For the People Act, the Freedom to Vote Act  
8 abandons the former bill's more controversial elements while still  
9 including provisions that prevent discrimination, make voting more  
10 accessible, reform campaign funding, and modernize election  
11 infrastructure; and

12 WHEREAS, If passed, the Freedom to Vote Act would offer  
13 protections for people with disabilities, prohibit deceptive and  
14 inequitable practices, and restore the federal voting rights of  
15 formerly incarcerated citizens; it would also implement automatic  
16 voter registration, prevent unnecessary limitations on online and  
17 same-day voter registration, and establish national standards for  
18 early voting, mail voting, and voter identification; by breaking  
19 down barriers to the ballot box, the bill would ensure that every  
20 eligible voter has the opportunity to participate in free and fair  
21 elections; and

22 WHEREAS, The Freedom to Vote Act would enhance transparency  
23 in campaign funding by requiring certain entities to disclose all  
24 major donors, and it would strengthen rules that keep super PACs and

1 other external groups independent of candidates; in addition, the  
2 bill provides grants for states to update their voting machines,  
3 and it includes improvements to the Federal Election Commission's  
4 enforcement process, expanded penalties for destroying or altering  
5 election records, and procedures for states to conduct postelection  
6 audits; these changes would promote security at every step of the  
7 electoral process; and

8 WHEREAS, The freedom to vote is fundamental to a successful  
9 democracy, and Congress should take action to protect elections  
10 from unjust practices and unethical interference; now, therefore,  
11 be it

12 RESOLVED, That the 87th Legislature of the State of Texas,  
13 3rd Called Session, hereby respectfully urge the United States  
14 Congress to pass the Freedom to Vote Act; and, be it further

15 RESOLVED, That the Texas secretary of state forward official  
16 copies of this resolution to the president of the United States, to  
17 the president of the Senate and the speaker of the House of  
18 Representatives of the United States Congress, and to all the  
19 members of the Texas delegation to Congress with the request that  
20 this resolution be entered in the Congressional Record as a  
21 memorial to the Congress of the United States of America.