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H.C.R. No. 5

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The Lone Star State has borne sorrowful witness to
2 some of the nation's worst mass shootings; and

3 WHEREAS, In August 1966, a sniper killed 15 people on The
4 University of Texas at Austin campus; the unprecedented carnage
5 shocked the nation, and the Associated Press and United Press
6 International ranked it as the second most important story of the
7 year, after the Vietnam War; and

8 WHEREAS, Tragically, mass shootings have become almost
9 commonplace; over the past decade, dozens of Texans have been
10 killed in such massacres, including the May 2022 attack at Robb
11 Elementary School in Uvalde, which left 19 children and 2 adults
12 dead; and

13 WHEREAS, In 2019, two mass shootings occurred back-to-back in
14 the month of August; the slaughter at an El Paso Walmart claimed 23
15 lives, followed by a murderous spree across Midland-Odessa that
16 took seven more; and

17 WHEREAS, Santa Fe High School lost eight students and two
18 teachers in a 2018 shooting; the year before, a gunman opened fire
19 at the First Baptist Church in Sutherland Springs, slaying 25
20 worshippers; and

21 WHEREAS, The victims of these savage attacks deserve to be
22 remembered; under Chapter [443](#), Government Code, and rules of the
23 State Preservation Board, a portion of the north Capitol grounds is
24 available for new monuments, subject to legislative approval,

1 specified procedural requirements, the provision of funding from
2 private donors, conformity to certain size and design limitations
3 and parameters, and completion on a timely basis; and

4 WHEREAS, A memorial on the Capitol grounds would provide a
5 communal place for Texans to honor the innocent lives cut short by
6 mass gun violence, and many citizens stand ready to donate funds for
7 such a project; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the 88th Legislature of the State of Texas
9 hereby authorize the State Preservation Board, subject to state law
10 and rules of the board, to approve and permit the construction of a
11 monument at the state Capitol Complex, at a site outside the
12 historic Capitol grounds, honoring victims of mass shootings; and,
13 be it further

14 RESOLVED, That the Texas secretary of state forward an
15 official copy of this resolution to the executive director of the
16 State Preservation Board.