

1-1 By: Oliverson (Senate Sponsor - Creighton) H.C.R. No. 26  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 10, 2023;  
 1-3 May 12, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on Business  
 1-4 & Commerce; May 21, 2023, reported favorably by the following vote:  
 1-5 Yeas 11, Nays 0; May 21, 2023, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-19 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1-20 WHEREAS, Throughout history, countless lives have been lost  
 1-21 to oppressive communist regimes; and

1-22 WHEREAS, In 2017, November 7 was designated as a national day  
 1-23 of remembrance for the victims of communism; the date commemorates  
 1-24 the anniversary of the Bolshevik Revolution in Russia in 1917, when  
 1-25 the first communist regime, led by Vladimir Lenin, initiated  
 1-26 decades of oppression and violence around the world; despite  
 1-27 promises of equality and liberation, communist dictators such as  
 1-28 Joseph Stalin, Mao Zedong, Ho Chi Minh, Pol Pot, Nicolae Ceausescu,  
 1-29 Fidel and Raúl Castro, and the Kim dynasty of North Korea have  
 1-30 murdered vast numbers of people in genocidal purges, persecuted  
 1-31 others for speaking out, and suppressed freedom of thought,  
 1-32 cultural life, and self-determination movements in more than 40  
 1-33 nations; and

1-34 WHEREAS, Based on the theories of Karl Marx, this political  
 1-35 ideology has been responsible for the deaths of more than 100  
 1-36 million people, and it has subjected countless others to some of the  
 1-37 worst human rights abuses in history; as the bipartisan  
 1-38 U.S. Congressional Caucus for the Victims of Communism has stated,  
 1-39 "Marx's defenders often say he cannot be held accountable for what  
 1-40 communist regimes did long after his life and death, but Marxist  
 1-41 dictators who massacred their own people were applying communist  
 1-42 ideology to political practice"; and

1-43 WHEREAS, Under Chapter 443, Government Code, and rules of the  
 1-44 State Preservation Board, a portion of the north Capitol grounds is  
 1-45 available for new monuments, subject to legislative approval,  
 1-46 specified procedural requirements, the provision of funding from  
 1-47 private donors, conformity to certain size and design limitations  
 1-48 and parameters, and completion on a timely basis; and

1-49 WHEREAS, A memorial on the Capitol grounds would provide a  
 1-50 communal place for Texans to honor the legacies of those who lost  
 1-51 their lives to communism; now, therefore, be it

1-52 RESOLVED, That the 88th Legislature of the State of Texas  
 1-53 hereby authorize the State Preservation Board, subject to state law  
 1-54 and rules of the board, to approve the construction of a monument  
 1-55 honoring victims of communism at the State Capitol Complex, at a  
 1-56 site outside of the historic Capitol grounds; and, be it further

1-57 RESOLVED, That the Texas secretary of state forward an  
 1-58 official copy of this resolution to the executive director of the  
 1-59 State Preservation Board.

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