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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, When drafting the Constitution in 1787, the framers
2 wisely established an electoral voting system that has benefited
3 the citizens of the United States for generations; and

4 WHEREAS, The Electoral College is a process that allows
5 Americans to vote for electors, who in turn vote for the United
6 States president and vice president; each state appoints a number
7 of electors equal to the total number of the state's members of
8 Congress, and the states are able to determine their own methods for
9 choosing electors; in 48 states and Washington, D.C., all electors
10 are selected according to the popular vote, and in Maine and
11 Nebraska, electors are assigned using a proportional system; to win
12 the presidency, a candidate must receive the vote of at least 270
13 electors, otherwise the decision is made by the House of
14 Representatives; and

15 WHEREAS, In keeping with the principles of federalism and the
16 values of our constitutional republic, the Electoral College
17 ensures that all states are fairly represented in presidential
18 elections; smaller, less-populated states have an equitable impact
19 on the decision, and candidates are incentivized to address the
20 needs of all voters rather than focusing only on residents of large
21 cities and other urban centers; and

22 WHEREAS, The Electoral College contributes to the legitimacy
23 of election outcomes by requiring a higher margin of victory than a
24 popular vote system; it also makes elections more stable and less

1 likely to trigger nationwide recounts, and it discourages voter
2 fraud by reducing the impact of fraudulent votes; in addition, the
3 electoral system limits the number of viable presidential
4 candidates, preventing presidential elections with small
5 pluralities; and

6 WHEREAS, The Electoral College is a fair and balanced system
7 that retains majority rule while protecting smaller states from the
8 tyranny of the majority, and it has proven to be a vital component
9 of our democracy; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the 88th Legislature of the State of Texas
11 hereby express support for the Electoral College.