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H.C.R. No. 49

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The passage of the George Floyd Justice in Policing
2 Act is critical to holding police accountable, ending racial
3 profiling, and building trust between law enforcement and local
4 communities; and

5 WHEREAS, The George Floyd Justice in Policing Act will
6 establish national standards to combat the very preventable public
7 health and human rights crisis of police brutality; in addition to
8 prohibiting federal, state, and local law enforcement from racial,
9 religious, and discriminatory profiling, the measure will require
10 law enforcement to collect data on all investigatory activities; it
11 will establish federal deadly force standards and save lives by
12 limiting the use of military equipment by police and by banning
13 deadly and discriminatory practices such as choke holds and
14 no-knock warrants in drug cases; and

15 WHEREAS, The act will also hold police accountable by making
16 it easier to prosecute police misconduct and allow individuals to
17 recover damages in civil court; the Department of Justice Civil
18 Rights Division will be given greater subpoena power to investigate
19 police misconduct, and a nationwide registry will be created to
20 prevent problematic officers who move jurisdictions to avoid
21 culpability; and

22 WHEREAS, All Americans deserve to live free from the threat
23 of wanton police violence and misconduct, and it is incumbent on the
24 federal government to pass comprehensive police reform; now,

1 therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the 88th Legislature of the State of Texas
3 hereby respectfully urge the U.S. Congress to pass the George Floyd
4 Justice in Policing Act; and, be it further

5 RESOLVED, That the Texas secretary of state forward official
6 copies of this resolution to the president of the United States, to
7 the president of the Senate and the speaker of the House of
8 Representatives of the United States Congress, and to all the
9 members of the Texas delegation to Congress with the request that
10 this resolution be entered in the Congressional Record as a
11 memorial to the Congress of the United States of America.