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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, It is vitally important that our buildings be
2 structurally sound, and the United States enjoys the highest level
3 of building safety in the world, thanks to code enforcement; and

4 WHEREAS, The International Code Council, in partnership with
5 building safety and fire officials, architects, engineers, and the
6 construction industry, develops and enforces the codes that
7 safeguard us in our homes, at school, and at work; these codes
8 protect us from such dangerous situations as snowstorms in the
9 North, hurricanes in the Southeast, tornadoes in the Midwest,
10 forest fires in the Southwest, and earthquakes on the West Coast;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Building safety and fire officials play a vital role
13 in ensuring the safety of our critical infrastructure; in addition
14 to monitoring compliance with codes, they work with individuals to
15 address a wide range of building safety concerns, from preventing
16 mold in homes to minimizing the impact of the West Nile virus in
17 communities; and

18 WHEREAS, The International Code Council is sponsoring
19 Building Safety Week 2003, with the theme "Safe Buildings Save
20 Lives"; this special observance provides an opportune time to
21 promote public awareness of building safety and of the life safety
22 services provided by local and state building departments, as well
23 as by federal agencies; and

24 WHEREAS, Nationwide, the safety and security of citizens has

1 been improved, and countless lives have been saved, because of the
2 adoption and enforcement of construction codes by local and state
3 agencies; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the 78th Legislature of the State of Texas
5 hereby recognize April 6-12, 2003, as Building Safety Week in Texas
6 and encourage all Texans to consider projects to improve building
7 safety both at home and in their communities.