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H.C.R. No. 256

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The Texas Legislature and the Parks and Wildlife  
2 Department have traditionally recognized the private landowner as  
3 the primary steward of our state's natural resources and have  
4 provided increased flexibility for wildlife management on private  
5 lands; and

6 WHEREAS, In order to preserve wildlife habitat or "wild land"  
7 use, the private landowner must receive economic benefit and  
8 continued flexibility in managing natural resources; and

9 WHEREAS, The traditional family farm or ranch in Texas is in  
10 danger of no longer being profitable, leading ultimately to the  
11 extinction and loss of our rural culture; and

12 WHEREAS, Deer, the most managed big game species in Texas,  
13 provide aesthetic and economic benefits to landowners on private  
14 property; and

15 WHEREAS, These private properties require strict control of  
16 deer herd numbers and demographics as a means to protect the  
17 resource from depletion and waste while allowing the landowner to  
18 achieve management goals; and

19 WHEREAS, The Parks and Wildlife Department has appointed the  
20 White-tailed Deer Advisory Committee to review current deer  
21 regulations and statutes and make recommendations to the department  
22 on appropriate actions; now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the 78th Legislature of the State of Texas  
24 hereby direct the White-tailed Deer Advisory Committee to address

1   how habitat relates to the ecological diversity of the state and to  
2   study the role of the wildlife biologist in the development of  
3   management plans and in the utilization of suitable management  
4   practices, including population goals and control, yearly census  
5   data, supplemental feeding and food plots, and genetic management;  
6   and, be it further

7           RESOLVED, That the 78th Legislature direct the White-tailed  
8   Deer Advisory Committee to study current deer management permits to  
9   determine how to provide flexibility and economic incentives for  
10   private landowners in preserving wildlife habitat; and, be it  
11   further

12           RESOLVED, That the 78th Legislature direct the White-tailed  
13   Deer Advisory Committee to meet with the members or staff of the  
14   Senate Committee on Natural Resources, the members or staff of the  
15   House Committee on State Cultural and Recreational Resources, and  
16   the staff of the Parks and Wildlife Department on a quarterly basis  
17   and to report findings from each meeting to the chairman of the  
18   Senate Committee on Natural Resources, the chairman of the House  
19   Committee on State Cultural and Recreational Resources, and the  
20   chairman of the Parks and Wildlife Commission; and, be it further

21           RESOLVED, That the secretary of state forward an official  
22   copy of this resolution to the lieutenant governor, the speaker of  
23   the house of representatives, the chairman of the Senate Natural  
24   Resources Committee, the chairman of the House State Cultural and  
25   Recreational Resources Committee, and the executive director of the  
26   Parks and Wildlife Department.