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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, In 1986, as Texas entered a difficult economic
2 period, Speaker Gib Lewis gave each member of the legislature a copy
3 of a book, *The New Legacy*, with a letter indicating that it was a
4 book that not only defined Texas values but gave an insight and a
5 vision as to the future of Texas as it evolved from the difficult
6 times it faced; and

7 WHEREAS, The legislature again faces not only difficult
8 economic times but significant questions as to how it will evolve a
9 culture and a process to solve these issues in the future; and

10 WHEREAS, Another book, *The Language of Conscience*, addresses
11 with the same insight the most difficult issues of modern times,
12 provides decision systems based on conscience versus convenience,
13 and provides a thoughtful alternative to partisanship alone; and

14 WHEREAS, *The Language of Conscience* is based on a premise
15 that character and individual responsibility are the core of a
16 Texas value system that must be preserved and that the choice of
17 conscience over convenience as a value decision will best serve the
18 state but will only exist in an institutional culture that promotes
19 it; and

20 WHEREAS, The book's core belief is that conscience operates
21 best on an individual level but that convenience inevitably
22 occupies the realms of power; thus, the only way to move conscience
23 into the realms of power is to make it convenient by affecting the
24 culture and its support of conscience as a fundamental value of an

1 institution; and

2 WHEREAS, The legacy of our 78th Texas Legislative Session
3 will be defined in history not just by what we do or how well we do
4 it, but also by the purposes for which it is done; let us indicate
5 that, though we may disagree with each other, we will strive to have
6 these disagreements be based on conscience rather than on political
7 and personal convenience, and let us endeavor to build a framework
8 that maintains the value-based system of the Texas culture so that
9 we may work more closely together in the future; though conscience
10 based on our constituents' needs will inevitably make us disagree
11 on issues, the manner in which we disagree and our ultimate purpose
12 should set the culture of this institution; this book is an
13 enlightenment of the options from which we can individually choose;
14 now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the 78th Legislature of the State of Texas
16 hereby commend Tieman H. Dippel, Jr., the author of *The New Legacy*
17 and *The Language of Conscience*, for the lifelong efforts that he has
18 made to advance Texas and to defend its value-based culture and the
19 principles of conscience, God, family, and service to others; and,
20 be it further

21 RESOLVED, That former U.S. Representatives Bill Archer and
22 Jake Pickle, the Ethics Officers Association, and the other
23 contributors to *The Language of Conscience* also be commended for
24 their insights that develop a perspective for these issues; and, be
25 it further

26 RESOLVED, That Tieman "Skipper" Dippel be proclaimed the
27 "Texas Prophet on Conscience" for the guidance he has provided

1 throughout his life, and particularly for his works *The New Legacy*
2 and *The Language of Conscience*, and that these books be recommended
3 to those who are united by Texas values, the concept of conscience,
4 and the effort to bring out the best of man.