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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The engineering firms of Cobb Fendley & Associates and Demopulos & Ferguson Associates, Inc., are in the final stages of completing a feasibility study on Long Point Road for the City of Houston and in conjunction with the Super Neighborhood Councils;

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WHEREAS, Studies of various alternatives for the reconstruction of Long Point Road have been presented by the engineering firms, and those alternatives and other proposals have been considered at public meetings; and

WHEREAS, Major thoroughfare improvement has been a capital project since 1994; and

WHEREAS, Given the constraints of acquiring rights-of-way and the limited availability of funds, it is incumbent upon all stakeholders to work in concert to identify all available sources of funds for the final design engineering so that construction can begin according to schedule and the urgent need for improved mobility can be met as soon as possible; and

WHEREAS, Under further collaborative efforts among the parties involved, streetscape design and landscape design performed in partnership with Long Point property owners and the Spring Branch Super Neighborhood Councils would ensure that the project's design is balanced with the need for mobility, safety, and environmental soundness for the community; and

24 WHEREAS, To meet these various needs, local stakeholders have

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- 1 expressly stated a preference for design plans that would require,
- 2 wherever possible, a four-lane divided roadway with 11-foot traffic
- 3 lanes, 12-foot esplanades, and five-foot sidewalks within an
- 4 80-foot right-of-way and with additional rights-of-way as needed
- 5 for major intersections, and the construction of a 36-inch
- 6 underground water main installed along the center of Long Point
- 7 from Campbell to Conrad Sauer so as not to impede traffic; and
- 8 WHEREAS, These parties also have expressed a desire for the
- 9 final design plans to include extending the ending boundary of the
- 10 Cobb Fendley & Associates design from Bingle Road to Hollister
- 11 Road, and changing the Demopulos & Ferguson Associates, Inc.,
- 12 beginning boundary to Campbell Road instead of Bingle Road; and
- WHEREAS, The process to date has provided individual property
- 14 owners and neighborhood associations ample opportunity for public
- input, and those stakeholders have responded accordingly; and
- 16 WHEREAS, Long Point Road redevelopment is an issue
- 17 passionately supported by Congressman John Culberson, Senator Jon
- 18 Lindsay, Senator John Whitmire, Representative Dwayne Bohac,
- 19 Representative Jessica Farrar, and Representative Beverly Woolley;
- 20 now, therefore, be it
- 21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
- 22 Legislature hereby strongly encourage the City of Houston to
- 23 redevelop Long Point Road.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1295 was adopted by the House on May 20, 2003, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House