

1 Texans more than \$700 million for the 2002 tax year and, if the
2 deductions are not restored, could cost the state more than 16,000
3 jobs that otherwise would be created with a lower tax burden and an
4 increase in disposable family income; and

5 WHEREAS, According to the report, reinstating the
6 deductibility of state and local sales taxes on federal income tax
7 returns could generate substantial benefits for Texas families and
8 the state's economy; and

9 WHEREAS, A family of four with an income of \$60,000 could get
10 an additional federal income tax deduction of \$1,015, and a single
11 mother with one child and an income of \$35,000 could deduct an
12 additional \$641; and

13 WHEREAS, The comptroller of public accounts estimates that
14 the more than \$700 million in net tax savings that would stay in
15 Texas could encourage \$590 million in new investments within the
16 state and an \$874 million increase in the gross state product in
17 2003; and

18 WHEREAS, As a matter of equity and fairness, Texans and the
19 citizens of other states that finance their budgets without an
20 income tax deserve to benefit from federal income tax deductions
21 comparable to those already enjoyed by the majority of United
22 States taxpayers; federal legislation that reinstates the
23 deductibility of state and local sales taxes is currently before
24 the congress; now, therefore, be it

25 RESOLVED, That the 78th Legislature of the State of Texas
26 hereby respectfully request the Congress of the United States to
27 restore the federal income tax deductibility of state and local

1 sales taxes that existed before 1986; and, be it further

2 RESOLVED, That the Texas secretary of state forward official
3 copies of this resolution to the president of the United States, to
4 the speaker of the house of representatives and the president of the
5 senate of the United States Congress, and to all the members of the
6 Texas delegation to the congress with the request that this
7 resolution be officially entered in the Congressional Record as a
8 memorial to the Congress of the United States of America.