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1 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Service learning is acknowledged to be crucial to
3 the sustainability and effectiveness of campus-community
4 collaboration; and

5 WHEREAS, Good service learning practices require a strong
6 community voice, orientation and training of participants,
7 meaningful action for learners, intentional reflection practices,
8 and evaluation of the benefits of service learning for all
9 stakeholders; and

10 WHEREAS, Service learning has the potential to bring
11 state-supported campus resources to communities, service agencies,
12 families, and individuals at all levels of need throughout the
13 state; and

14 WHEREAS, The collaboration of the member campuses of the
15 Texas Campus Compact and the resources of the Texas Higher
16 Education Coordinating Board, the Texas Commission on Volunteerism
17 and Community Service, the state office of the Corporation for
18 National and Community Service, the Texas Center for
19 Service-Learning, and other statewide networks provide the
20 opportunity for the State of Texas to be a national leader in the
21 area of service learning and engagement; and

22 WHEREAS, The missions of the public institutions of higher
23 education in the State of Texas involve both educating future
24 citizens and providing services and research to communities and

1 residents of the state; now, therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the 78th Legislature of the State of Texas
3 hereby urge public and private institutions of higher education in
4 the State of Texas to adopt service learning as an important
5 pedagogical tool and a central form of engagement, civic outreach,
6 and citizenship education; and, be it further

7 RESOLVED, That the secretary of state forward official copies
8 of this resolution to the presidents, the chancellors, and the
9 chief academic officers of all the institutions of higher education
10 throughout the State of Texas.