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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1           WHEREAS, The motto, "In God We Trust," has a longstanding  
2 history in the United States dating back to the Civil War when it  
3 began appearing on U.S. currency in response to popular demand;  
4 having been formally adopted as the national motto by Congress in  
5 1956, it has withstood numerous constitutional challenges; and

6           WHEREAS, Various courts have found that the display of the  
7 national motto fosters patriotism, exemplifies our country's  
8 religious heritage, and expresses confidence in the future; and

9           WHEREAS, The national motto is prominently engraved in the  
10 wall above the speaker's dias in the chamber of the United States  
11 House of Representatives, appears over the entrance to the chamber  
12 of the United States Senate, and is depicted on all United States  
13 coins and currency; and

14           WHEREAS, The U.S. House of Representatives recently passed a  
15 unanimous resolution stating that schools across the nation may  
16 display "God Bless America!" as a show of support for the nation;  
17 the national motto, "In God We Trust," is an additional symbol of  
18 our country that has been recognized as promoting a sense of  
19 patriotism and pride and that does not have the primary effect of  
20 advancing religion; and

21           WHEREAS, The United States has experienced a recent upsurge  
22 in patriotism all across the nation and during these difficult and  
23 demanding times, it is fitting and proper to display the national  
24 motto as a reminder to the American people of the ideals we

1 historically have held dear as a nation; now, therefore, be it  
2           RESOLVED, That the 78th Legislature of the State of Texas  
3 hereby express its support for the posting and displaying of our  
4 nation's motto, "In God We Trust," in state offices and agencies,  
5 local government offices, and school districts.