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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The Texas Legislature and the Parks and Wildlife 3 Department have traditionally recognized the private landowner as 4 the primary steward of our state's natural resources and have 5 provided increased flexibility for wildlife management on private 6 lands; and

7 WHEREAS, In order to preserve wildlife habitat or "wild land" 8 use, the private landowner must receive economic benefit and 9 continued flexibility in managing natural resources; and

10 WHEREAS, The traditional family farm or ranch in Texas is in 11 danger of no longer being profitable, leading ultimately to the 12 extinction and loss of our rural culture; and

WHEREAS, Deer, the most managed big game species in Texas, provide aesthetic and economic benefits to landowners on private property; and

16 WHEREAS, These private properties require strict control of 17 deer herd numbers and demographics as a means to protect the 18 resource from depletion and waste while allowing the landowner to 19 achieve management goals; and

20 WHEREAS, The Parks and Wildlife Department has appointed the 21 White-tailed Deer Advisory Committee to review current deer 22 regulations and statutes and make recommendations to the department 23 on appropriate actions; now, therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the 78th Legislature of the State of Texas

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hereby direct the White-tailed Deer Advisory Committee to address how habitat relates to the ecological diversity of the state and to study the role of the wildlife biologist in the development of management plans and in the utilization of suitable management practices, including population goals and control, yearly census data, supplemental feeding and food plots, and genetic management; and, be it further

8 RESOLVED, That the 78th Legislature direct the White-tailed 9 Deer Advisory Committee to study current deer management permits to 10 determine how to provide flexibility and economic incentives for 11 private landowners in preserving wildlife habitat; and, be it 12 further

RESOLVED, That the 78th Legislature direct the White-tailed 13 Deer Advisory Committee to meet with the members or staff of the 14 15 Senate Committee on Natural Resources, the members or staff of the 16 House Committee on State Cultural and Recreational Resources, and 17 the staff of the Parks and Wildlife Department on a quarterly basis and to report findings from each meeting to the chairman of the 18 Senate Committee on Natural Resources, the chairman of the House 19 Committee on State Cultural and Recreational Resources, and the 20 chairman of the Parks and Wildlife Commission; and, be it further 21

RESOLVED, That the secretary of state forward an official copy of this resolution to the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house of representatives, the chairman of the Senate Natural Resources Committee, the chairman of the House State Cultural and Recreational Resources Committee, and the executive director of the Parks and Wildlife Department.

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