

1-1 By: Armbrister S.C.R. No. 56  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed May 19, 2003; May 22, 2003, read  
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Natural Resources;  
1-4 May 23, 2003, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 9,  
1-5 Nays 0; May 23, 2003, sent to printer.)

1-6 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1-7 WHEREAS, The Texas Legislature and the Parks and Wildlife  
1-8 Department have traditionally recognized the private landowner as  
1-9 the primary steward of our state's natural resources and have  
1-10 provided increased flexibility for wildlife management on private  
1-11 lands; and

1-12 WHEREAS, In order to preserve wildlife habitat or "wild land"  
1-13 use, the private landowner must receive economic benefit and  
1-14 continued flexibility in managing natural resources; and

1-15 WHEREAS, The traditional family farm or ranch in Texas is in  
1-16 danger of no longer being profitable, leading ultimately to the  
1-17 extinction and loss of our rural culture; and

1-18 WHEREAS, Deer, the most managed big game species in Texas,  
1-19 provide aesthetic and economic benefits to landowners on private  
1-20 property; and

1-21 WHEREAS, These private properties require strict control of  
1-22 deer herd numbers and demographics as a means to protect the  
1-23 resource from depletion and waste while allowing the landowner to  
1-24 achieve management goals; and

1-25 WHEREAS, The Parks and Wildlife Department has appointed the  
1-26 White-tailed Deer Advisory Committee to review current deer  
1-27 regulations and statutes and make recommendations to the department  
1-28 on appropriate actions; now, therefore, be it

1-29 RESOLVED, That the 78th Legislature of the State of Texas  
1-30 hereby direct the White-tailed Deer Advisory Committee to address  
1-31 how habitat relates to the ecological diversity of the state and to  
1-32 study the role of the wildlife biologist in the development of  
1-33 management plans and in the utilization of suitable management  
1-34 practices, including population goals and control, yearly census  
1-35 data, supplemental feeding and food plots, and genetic management;  
1-36 and, be it further

1-37 RESOLVED, That the 78th Legislature direct the White-tailed  
1-38 Deer Advisory Committee to study current deer management permits to  
1-39 determine how to provide flexibility and economic incentives for  
1-40 private landowners in preserving wildlife habitat; and, be it  
1-41 further

1-42 RESOLVED, That the 78th Legislature direct the White-tailed  
1-43 Deer Advisory Committee to meet with the members or staff of the  
1-44 Senate Committee on Natural Resources, the members or staff of the  
1-45 House Committee on State Cultural and Recreational Resources, and  
1-46 the staff of the Parks and Wildlife Department on a quarterly basis  
1-47 and to report findings from each meeting to the chairman of the  
1-48 Senate Committee on Natural Resources, the chairman of the House  
1-49 Committee on State Cultural and Recreational Resources, and the  
1-50 chairman of the Parks and Wildlife Commission; and, be it further

1-51 RESOLVED, That the secretary of state forward an official  
1-52 copy of this resolution to the lieutenant governor, the speaker of  
1-53 the house of representatives, the chairman of the Senate Natural  
1-54 Resources Committee, the chairman of the House State Cultural and  
1-55 Recreational Resources Committee, and the executive director of the  
1-56 Parks and Wildlife Department.

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