By: Corte, et al. H.J.R. No. 19

Substitute the following for H.J.R. No. 19:

By: Cook of Colorado C.S.H.J.R. No. 19

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 proposing a constitutional amendment to prohibit the state or a

2 political subdivision from taking private property for the primary

3 purpose of economic development or to benefit a particular class of

- 4 identifiable individuals.
- 5 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
- 6 SECTION 1. Article I, Texas Constitution, is amended by
- 7 adding Section 17A to read as follows:
- 8 Sec. 17A. The state or a political subdivision of the state
- 9 may not take private property through the use of the power of
- 10 eminent domain if the primary purpose of the taking is for economic
- 11 development or to benefit a particular class of identifiable
- 12 <u>individuals</u>.
- 13 SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be
- submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 8, 2005.
- 15 The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the
- 16 proposition: "The constitutional amendment to prohibit the state
- 17 or a political subdivision from taking private property for the
- 18 primary purpose of economic development or to benefit a particular
- 19 class of identifiable individuals."