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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The State of Texas has traditionally recognized a
2 variety of official state symbols as representations of the proud
3 spirit and heritage of our state; and

4 WHEREAS, The wide range of these symbols is itself tribute to
5 the state's diversity, and such disparate entities as the
6 bluebonnet, the longhorn, the guitar, the sport of rodeo, and the
7 motto of "friendship" express different and distinctive aspects of
8 Texas life, even as in combination they suggest the sweeping
9 breadth of our natural and cultural resources; and

10 WHEREAS, Similarly, the religious traditions that have
11 nurtured Texas and its people spring from many sources, and just as
12 the boundaries of Texas encompass an area of unsurpassed
13 geographical diversity, so does its collective spirituality
14 embrace a vast array of faiths; and

15 WHEREAS, The religions that have shaped the development of
16 the Lone Star State cherish in common the belief in a single deity,
17 and this concept is aptly expressed in the following invocation:

18 To the God of the Panhandle. To the God of
19 the Rio Grande Valley. To the God of the
20 High Plains. To the God of the Gulf Coast.
21 To the God of the Piney Woods. To the God of
22 Central Texas. To the God of West Texas. To
23 the God of rural Texas. To the God of urban
24 Texas. To the God of the poor. To the God

1 of the powerful. We thank you for being one
2 God, and we pray that our differences serve
3 to keep Texas one under God. Amen.

4 and

5 WHEREAS, This stirring prayer draws together countless
6 strands of individual spiritual experience, and in so doing
7 reaffirms both our common origins as humans and our shared destiny
8 as Texans; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the 79th Legislature of the State of Texas
10 hereby designate this invocation as the Official State Prayer of
11 Texas.

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