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H.J.R. No. 82

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 proposing a constitutional amendment clearing land titles by  
2 relinquishing and releasing any state claim to sovereign ownership  
3 or title to interest in certain land.

4 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Article VII, Texas Constitution, is amended by  
6 adding Section 2C to read as follows:

7 Sec. 2C. (a) The State of Texas relinquishes and releases  
8 any claim of sovereign ownership or title to an interest in and to  
9 the tracts of land, including mineral rights, described as follows:

10 Tract 1:

11 The first tract of land is situated in Upshur County, Texas,  
12 about 14 miles South 30 degrees east from Gilmer, the county seat,  
13 and is bounded as follows: Bound on the North by the J. Manning  
14 Survey, A-314 the S.W. Beasley Survey A-66 and the David Meredith  
15 Survey A-315 and bound on the East by the M. Mann Survey, A-302 and  
16 by the M. Chandler Survey, A-84 and bound on the South by the G. W.  
17 Hooper Survey, A-657 and by the D. Ferguson Survey, A-158 and bound  
18 on the West by the J. R. Wadkins Survey, A-562 and the H. Alsup  
19 Survey, A-20, the David Ferguson Survey, A-158, the Sarah Harrell  
20 Survey A-200 and by the W. Bratton Survey, A-57 and the G. H.  
21 Burroughs Survey, A-30 and the M. Tidwell Survey, A-498 of Upshur  
22 County, Texas.

23 Tract 2:

24 The second tract of land is situated in Smith County, Texas,

1 north of Tyler and is bounded as follows: on the north and west by  
2 the S. Leeper A-559, the Frost Thorn Four League Grant A-3, A-9,  
3 A-7, A-19, and the H. Jacobs A-504 and on the south and east by the  
4 following surveys: John Carver A-247, A. Loverly A-609, J. Gimble  
5 A-408, R. Conner A-239, N.J. Blythe A-88, N.J. Blythe A-89, J.  
6 Choate A-195, Daniel Minor A-644, William Keys A-527, James H.  
7 Thomas A-971, Seaborn Smith A-899, and Samuel Leeper A-559.

8 (b) This section is self-executing.

9 SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be  
10 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 8, 2005.  
11 The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the  
12 proposition: "The constitutional amendment providing for the  
13 clearing of land titles by relinquishing and releasing any state  
14 claim to sovereign ownership or title to interest in certain land in  
15 Upshur County and in Smith County."