

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Texas Legislature has long recognized the value
2 of extracurricular activities to the social, emotional, physical,
3 and intellectual development of students enrolled in the Texas
4 public education system; ranging from academic decathlon to
5 athletics to the arts, students participating in these activities
6 are ambassadors for their respective campuses and, by extension,
7 for the entire state; and

8 WHEREAS, Once purely a means to energize and entertain
9 spectators at sporting events, cheerleading and dance have grown
10 into sports in their own right with participants preparing
11 diligently for competitions and contests in addition to their
12 traditional appearances at school functions; as such, school
13 cheerleaders and dancers represent their schools and districts
14 every bit as much as the teams with which they perform; and

15 WHEREAS, An implicit part of providing the best possible
16 education for our children is promoting positive and healthy
17 attitudes, perhaps most important among them respect for others and
18 for oneself; if there is any question that these principles are
19 being jeopardized by inappropriate conduct of students during
20 school-sponsored events, on or off the school campus, it should be
21 of concern to the public officials of this state; and

22 WHEREAS, The mission of the Texas Education Agency is to
23 provide leadership, guidance, and resources to help schools meet
24 the educational needs of all students and the Texas House of

1 Representatives commends this outstanding agency for its laudable
2 accomplishments in reaching the important goal of educating the
3 children of this state; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
5 Legislature hereby request the Texas Education Agency to determine
6 whether inappropriate performances, including overly sexually
7 suggestive performances, by school groups such as dance teams,
8 drill teams, marching bands, and cheerleading teams are occurring
9 at school-sponsored or approved events on a regular basis or as a
10 result of lack of oversight or standards and take any action that it
11 considers appropriate to address the issue; and, be it further

12 RESOLVED, That the chief clerk of the Texas House of
13 Representatives forward an official copy of this resolution to the
14 commissioner of education.

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H.R. No. 2010

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2010 was adopted by the House on May 26, 2005, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House