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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.