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H.C.R. No. 21

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Generations of Texans have long enjoyed viewing the
2 state's professional football franchises and college football
3 teams on television with friends and family; and

4 WHEREAS, Most Texans are not able to attend professional or
5 college football games in person because the geography of the state
6 is so vast; and

7 WHEREAS, A dispute between cable television providers and the
8 NFL Network has interfered with the ability of fans to enjoy and
9 support their favorite football teams in the 2006 season, resulting
10 in a Texas collegiate team playing in a major bowl game televised by
11 the NFL Network but not carried by the major cable providers of this
12 state and further resulting in one of the state's storied
13 professional football teams playing in a Saturday night football
14 game not scheduled to be made available for viewing in the majority
15 of the cable television households in this state; and

16 WHEREAS, Televised viewing of professional and college
17 football teams of this state has traditionally been made available
18 to the citizens of this state via cable television; now, therefore,
19 be it

20 RESOLVED, That the 80th Legislature of the State of Texas
21 hereby respectfully urge the cable television providers of this
22 state and the NFL Network to work out their differences so that
23 Texans can once again enjoy watching their professional and college
24 football games with friends and families; and, be it further

1 RESOLVED, That, if the private corporations are not able to
2 put the interests of the citizens of Texas first, the legislature
3 urgently request that the appropriate state and federal regulatory
4 agencies intervene to settle this matter; and, be it further

5 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State forward an official
6 copy of this resolution to the chairs of the Public Utility
7 Commission of Texas and the Federal Communications Commission.