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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1           WHEREAS, Words cannot adequately express the shock and deep  
2 sorrow felt by the people of Texas and the entire nation at the news  
3 of the tragic events at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State  
4 University in Blacksburg, Virginia; and

5           WHEREAS, On the morning of Monday, April 16, 2007, as the  
6 students and faculty of Virginia Tech began a new week of classes, a  
7 single disturbed individual carried out an incomprehensible act of  
8 senseless violence; and

9           WHEREAS, At two separate locations on the campus of Virginia  
10 Tech, students and teachers were attacked without warning; in the  
11 end, 32 innocent people were killed and some 30 more were wounded  
12 before the gunman took his own life; and

13           WHEREAS, Among those killed were gifted students whose  
14 tremendous promise was stolen from them, as well as faculty members  
15 of great distinction who had dedicated their lives to teaching  
16 others; and

17           WHEREAS, While this day will be remembered for the terrible  
18 events that unfolded, it will also long be remembered for the  
19 selfless acts of courage carried out by individual teachers and  
20 students, some of whom lost their lives in the effort to save  
21 others; and

22           WHEREAS, The thoughts and prayers of all Texans are with the  
23 people of Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, and beyond as they struggle to  
24 rebuild their lives without their loved ones, and perhaps they may

1 find some small comfort in knowing that their grief is shared by the  
2 nation and the world; now, therefore, be it

3         RESOLVED, That the 80th Legislature of the State of Texas  
4 hereby pay tribute to the students and teachers who were killed in  
5 the Virginia Tech tragedy and extend deepest sympathy to the  
6 families and friends of the victims, and to the entire Virginia Tech  
7 community; and, be it further

8         RESOLVED, That when the Texas House of Representatives and  
9 Senate adjourn this day, they do so in memory of those who died.