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H.C.R. No. 287

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The State of Texas has created a number of special
2 districts to serve various functions as provided under authority of
3 the Texas Constitution; these special districts often come to own
4 land and some districts have chosen to lease the land under their
5 control for both public and private purposes; and

6 WHEREAS, The purposes for which these lands are leased do not
7 always reflect the mission of the district to which they belong; and

8 WHEREAS, Considering these factors, it may be in the best
9 interest of special districts to divest their excess landholdings
10 and focus on the initial mission for which they were created; at the
11 very least, the state should establish an appropriate methodology,
12 based on state law and accepted appraisal standards, to provide for
13 the sale of such lands and facilitate private ownership while
14 ensuring that special districts, as public entities, remain
15 protected financially; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the 80th Legislature of the State of Texas
17 respectfully request that the Texas General Land Office review,
18 study, and submit legislative recommendations relating to the
19 acceptable appraisal methodology to accommodate the sale of
20 residential and commercial leased property currently held by
21 special districts in the state; and, be it further

22 RESOLVED, That the Texas General Land Office seek
23 recommendations from political subdivisions, leaseholders,
24 counties, financial institutions, real estate professionals,

1 appraisers, and any appropriate state or federal agencies; and, be
2 it further

3 RESOLVED, That the Texas General Land Office make
4 recommendations to the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and
5 the House Committee on Natural Resources during interim hearings
6 before the 81st Texas Legislature convenes; and, be it further

7 RESOLVED, That the Texas secretary of state forward an
8 official copy of this resolution to the commissioner of the Texas
9 General Land Office.