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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Members of the Texas State Association of
2 Parliamentarians are visiting the Capitol on May 4 and 5, 2007, in
3 conjunction with their annual convention in Austin, and the
4 occasion provides a fitting opportunity to honor this commendable
5 organization; and

6 WHEREAS, Since 1955, the Texas State Association of
7 Parliamentarians has served the people of Texas through the study,
8 teaching, and dissemination of parliamentary law, while its members
9 have served a multitude of public and private organizations in the
10 practice of fair and expedient procedure; and

11 WHEREAS, Passed to the American colonies from the British
12 House of Commons, parliamentary law was nurtured in the colonial
13 legislature and developed in the U.S. Congress and state
14 legislatures, and it remains the hallmark of integrity in American
15 government; and

16 WHEREAS, In February 1876, General Henry M. Robert, a former
17 chief of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, published *Pocket Manual*
18 *of Rules of Order for Deliberative Assemblies*, better known as
19 *Robert's Rules of Order*; interestingly, the author of the most
20 widely used manual of parliamentary procedure also played a role in
21 the design and construction of the Galveston Seawall and the
22 Houston Ship Channel near the turn of the 20th century; and

23 WHEREAS, The Lone Star State is home to many notable
24 parliamentarians, including the late Robert E. Johnson, Sr., who

1 was honored for his longtime service to the Texas Legislature with
2 the dedication of the Robert E. Johnson, Sr., State Legislative
3 Office Building; renowned Texas and U.S. legislator Barbara Jordan
4 emphasized the importance of parliamentary procedure when she
5 stated, "If you're going to play the game properly, you'd better
6 know every rule"; and

7 WHEREAS, The members of the Texas Legislature, as well as the
8 citizens of the State of Texas, owe a debt of gratitude to the
9 parliamentarians, secretaries, and clerks of the Texas Senate and
10 House of Representatives, for their skillful, equitable, and
11 efficient execution of session business is integral to ensuring the
12 integrity and consistency of the legislative process in the Lone
13 Star State; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the 80th Legislature of the State of Texas
15 hereby recognize May 5, 2007, as Parliamentary Law Day at the State
16 Capitol and extend to the members of the Texas State Association of
17 Parliamentarians sincere best wishes for a memorable and rewarding
18 convention in Austin.