

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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2 WHEREAS, Jacob's Well is a prolific artesian spring in  
3 Wimberley, Hays County, Texas; rising from the largest underground  
4 water cave in the Trinity Aquifer, it provides a perpetual flow of  
5 clear, exceptionally pure spring water to Cypress Creek and the  
6 Blanco River; and

7 WHEREAS, The spring and creek, along which the Village of  
8 Wimberley was built, contribute to the aesthetic beauty and  
9 commercial vitality of that community, and to the environmental  
10 integrity and quality of life in the surrounding Hill Country  
11 region; and

12 WHEREAS, Clean water and open space are both an economic  
13 advantage and an essential part of our Texas heritage, yet both are  
14 disappearing in Hays County because of the pressures of continuing  
15 population growth; and

16 WHEREAS, In 1996, the Wimberley Valley Watershed Association  
17 was established to ensure the economic and environmental health of  
18 the valley by protecting the pristine aquifers and watersheds of  
19 Jacob's Well, Cypress Creek, and the Blanco River, and by  
20 preserving the lush open space that defines the rural and ranching  
21 traditions of the Hill Country; and

22 WHEREAS, Hays County is greatly enriched by the association  
23 and its goal of preserving both the quality and the quantity of the  
24 bountiful water sources on which the Wimberley Valley relies; and

25 WHEREAS, The Wimberley Valley Watershed Association has  
26 committed to a leadership role, working with elected officials,

1 businesses, and citizens throughout the valley and Central Texas to  
2 guarantee the sustainability and health of the area's hydrological  
3 endowment; and

4 WHEREAS, In the area surrounding Jacob's Well, the  
5 association has purchased 55 acres to ensure that the land in the  
6 vicinity, as well as contributing aquifers and watersheds, are  
7 protected for the benefit of future generations of Texans who  
8 reside in or visit the community; and

9 WHEREAS, As part of this effort, the association has embarked  
10 on the development of a Jacob's Well Natural Area master plan,  
11 through which it will apply its best efforts to implement a regional  
12 land conservation program including voluntary conservation  
13 easements and requisite scientific research; and

14 WHEREAS, Education lies at the core of the association's  
15 mission, and the Jacob's Well Natural Area will provide an ideal  
16 setting for informational programs, and will encourage a spirit of  
17 involvement in land and water stewardship among civic  
18 organizations, students of all ages, business and government  
19 leaders, and residents; now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the 80th Legislature of the State of Texas  
21 hereby support the establishment of the Jacob's Well Natural Area,  
22 the associated missions of the Wimberley Valley Watershed  
23 Association, and regional conservation initiatives by the  
24 association to protect the natural beauty and economic vitality of  
25 Hays County; and, be it further

26 RESOLVED, That the legislature strongly recommend the  
27 Jacob's Well Natural Area project for funding from any parks or open  
28 space grant or program, or from any other funding source that  
29 assists the goals of this commendable project.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.C.R. No. 88 was adopted by the Senate on May 28, 2007.

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Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.C.R. No. 88 was adopted by the House on May 28, 2007.

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Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

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Date

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Governor