

Amend HCR 220 as follows:

(1) On page 2, between lines 14 and 15, insert the following:

WHEREAS, Patronage of casinos in Texas would predominantly come from the population that lives within a 50-mile radius of the facilities, and economic development after the construction of a facility would only result in a transfer of dollars from within the existing local consumer economy, which would damage existing businesses and family-friendly tourism and diminish sales tax revenue; it is recognized and acknowledged that for a certain percentage of the population, gambling is not a form of entertainment but an addiction, and that the real harm that results from casinos includes an immense increase in the total number of pathological gamblers in this state; reputable, independent economists estimate that for every \$1 in benefits derived from casino-style gambling, there will be \$3 in costs related to the activity; the additional costs resulting from the expansion of casinos in Texas would be absorbed by friends, family members, and local, county, and state governmental entities; and

WHEREAS, National and historic properties in the State of Texas should be protected from any attempt to expand casino-style gambling; the state has contractual agreements with Indian tribes both inside and outside the state that recognize historic properties of the tribes in Texas and allow these properties to be listed in the National Register of Historic Places; any expansion of casinos or video lottery terminals in Texas would constitute approval of Class III games in the state as defined by the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act; the approval of Class III games in Texas would have the immediate effect of allowing Indian tribes, both inside and outside the state, with historic properties and heritage in our state, to potentially open gaming facilities throughout Texas with little state or local community input or oversight; such attempts in other states have resulted in long and costly litigation, at great expense to the taxpayers of those states; and

(2) On page 2, between lines 25 and 26, insert the following:

RESOLVED, That any study or report on the gaming industry

expansion into Texas include a cost-benefit analysis that considers both the social and economic costs related to the expansion of casino-style gambling, the effect on existing sales tax revenue, and the effect on Texas lottery sales, as well as an analysis of the tax rates on dollars wagered in the casino business model and the effect on the existing local economies and family-friendly tourism; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That any study or report also include a complete analysis of any agreements between the State of Texas and Indian tribes regarding historic or real properties of Indian tribes in the state, and that the analysis include but not be limited to a complete review of Indian gaming expansion across the United States, including current litigation and case law, and how Indian historic and real properties have been leveraged to expand casino gaming into areas that had not been previously considered Indian land; and, be it further