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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Established in 1947 and safeguarded under Section
2 67, Article XVI, Texas Constitution, the Employees Retirement
3 System of Texas provides retirement benefits for state employees,
4 elected state officials, and members of the judiciary; and

5 WHEREAS, In 1999, the 76th Texas Legislature provided for a
6 supplemental retirement annuity for retired state employees in the
7 form of a 13th check, and the next year ERS announced that it would
8 issue this lump sum check to state employees who were retired on or
9 before August 31, 2000; despite this assurance, retirees are still
10 waiting to receive the promised benefit; and

11 WHEREAS, There are more than 73,000 retirees and survivors of
12 ERS annuitants currently drawing benefits, and a 13th check would
13 provide welcome support for these families and would also be an
14 important boon to their communities during this economic downturn;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, The retired employees of the State of Texas greatly
17 contributed to the state and deserve proper compensation for their
18 dedication and service to the citizens of Texas; it is imperative,
19 therefore, that the legislature show its support for the
20 supplemental annuity by firmly endorsing the issuing of a 13th
21 check to retirees no later than September 2009; now, therefore, be
22 it

23 RESOLVED, That the 81st Legislature of the State of Texas
24 hereby express its commitment to the state's retired public

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1 employees and express its support for a 13th check for annuitants of
2 the Employees Retirement System of Texas.