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H.C.R. No. 116

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, President Barack Obama signed the American Recovery
2 and Reinvestment Act of 2009 into law on February 17, 2009; and

3 WHEREAS, This legislation will result in \$787 billion of
4 stimulus spending by the federal government through state and local
5 units of government, and this extraordinary increase in spending
6 will burden future generations of Americans with unprecedented
7 levels of debt; and

8 WHEREAS, Texas has built its economic strength through low
9 taxation, a balanced budget, and a predictable regulatory climate;
10 as a result of its fiscally conservative approach, the state has
11 created 393,300 jobs over the past two years, which is 124,300 more
12 jobs than it is estimated that the federal stimulus spending will
13 create or save in Texas over the next two years; and

14 WHEREAS, The size of government in the state could grow by \$16
15 billion as a result of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of
16 2009; this expansion is fundamentally at odds with the fiscally
17 sound approach that has made Texas the nation's largest creator of
18 private sector jobs and the nation's biggest exporter; and

19 WHEREAS, Texas can retain the strength of its economy by
20 ensuring that federal stimulus funds are not used to create new
21 government programs or expand existing programs; because federal
22 stimulus funds will not be available in future years, any new
23 programs that are created will eventually have to be funded by state
24 tax revenues that are needed for meeting constitutional obligations

1 and providing essential services; now, therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the 81st Legislature of the State of Texas
3 hereby direct all state agencies to ensure that federal stimulus
4 funding is used only to finance one-time, non-recurring expenses
5 that do not require permanent changes to Texas law; and, be it
6 further

7 RESOLVED, That counties, cities, school districts, and other
8 local governments that receive federal stimulus funds also ensure
9 that federal stimulus funding is used only to finance one-time,
10 non-recurring expenses that do not require permanent changes to
11 Texas law; and, be it further

12 RESOLVED, That federal stimulus funds received by the State
13 of Texas not impact the maintenance of effort required by any public
14 health, public education, or welfare program to attract federal
15 matching funds in the future; and, be it further

16 RESOLVED, That the Texas secretary of state forward copies of
17 this resolution to the governor of the State of Texas, to every
18 agency of the state that is expected to receive federal stimulus
19 funding, and to every county, city, school district, and special
20 district that is currently authorized to levy a tax; and, be it
21 further

22 RESOLVED, That the Texas secretary of state forward official
23 copies of this resolution to the president of the United States, to
24 the speaker of the house of representatives and the president of the
25 senate of the United States Congress, and to all the members of the
26 Texas delegation to Congress with the request that this resolution
27 be officially entered in the Congressional Record as a memorial to

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1 the Congress of the United States of America.