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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The live and archived broadcasts of the House and
2 Senate chamber proceedings and committee hearings provide Texans
3 with vital access to the workings of state government and to
4 important issues under consideration that affect the lives of
5 countless citizens each day; and

6 WHEREAS, Many people use these broadcasts to monitor
7 legislative issues and to observe their elected officials at work,
8 and while the video and audio capacity of both chambers is
9 impressive, upgrades could be implemented to make the websites even
10 more user-friendly; and

11 WHEREAS, Currently, users must watch an entire broadcast to
12 find the particular segment of interest to them, and this
13 time-consuming approach may actually deter them from accessing the
14 material at all; an option to search videos by bill number, author,
15 witness name, and witness affiliation would greatly increase the
16 recordings' overall usability and further encourage the
17 participation of citizens in state government; now, therefore, be
18 it

19 RESOLVED, That the 81st Legislature of the State of Texas
20 hereby direct House Video/Audio and Senate Media Services to pursue
21 appropriate avenues to implement enhanced search options for those
22 systems that provide broadcasts of legislative meetings; and, be it
23 further

24 RESOLVED, That the Texas secretary of state forward official

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1 copies of this resolution to House Video/Audio and Senate Media
2 Services.