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S.C.R. No. 21

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1           WHEREAS, President Barack Obama signed an executive order on  
2 January 22, 2009, ordering the closure of United States detention  
3 facilities at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, within the year; and

4           WHEREAS, Under this executive order, suspected terrorists  
5 now confined to the detention center will be returned to their home  
6 country, released, transferred to a third country, or transferred  
7 to another United States detention facility; Lackland Air Force  
8 Base in San Antonio is among the military installations being  
9 considered by the House Armed Services Committee as potential sites  
10 for the relocation of enemy combatants detained at Guantanamo, and  
11 news accounts have also mentioned the El Paso Processing Center  
12 operated by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement as a possible  
13 transfer location; and

14           WHEREAS, The Department of Defense has estimated that the  
15 terrorism reengagement rate has reached 11 percent among those  
16 Guantanamo detainees previously released from custody or  
17 transferred to prisons elsewhere in the world and that some 61  
18 former detainees are suspected or confirmed to have returned to  
19 terrorist activity; clearly, such individuals are too dangerous to  
20 be permitted on Texas soil; and

21           WHEREAS, Ensuring the safety of all citizens is the highest  
22 responsibility of government, and federal tax dollars should not be  
23 used to bring a potential threat into the Lone Star State; now,  
24 therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, That the 81st Legislature of the State of Texas  
2 hereby urge the Texas congressional delegation to take action to  
3 prohibit the use of federal funds to transfer enemy combatants from  
4 Guantanamo Bay to any facility in Texas or to build or modify  
5 facilities for any such enemy combatants in this state; and, be it  
6 further

7           RESOLVED, That the Texas secretary of state forward official  
8 copies of this resolution to the president of the United States, to  
9 the speaker of the house of representatives and the president of the  
10 senate of the United States Congress, and to all members of the  
11 Texas delegation to the congress with the request that this  
12 resolution be officially entered in the Congressional Record as a  
13 memorial to the Congress of the United States of America.