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## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

proposing a constitutional amendment relating to appropriations for the preservation and perpetuation of certain items of historical value; allowing the legislature and state agencies to accept on behalf of the state gifts of items of historical value and contributions to purchase such items.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 39, Article XVI, Texas Constitution, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 39. The Legislature may, from time to time, make appropriations for preserving and perpetuating memorials of the history of Texas, by means of monuments, statues, paintings, films, videotapes, audiotapes, computer files or other electronic storage media, and documents of historical value. The Legislature or an agency of the state may accept on behalf of the state gifts of items of historical value and contributions to purchase items of historical value.

SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 3, 2009. The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the proposition: "The constitutional amendment allowing the legislature to make appropriations for preserving and perpetuating certain items of historical value and allowing the legislature and state agencies to accept on behalf of the state gifts of items of historical value and contributions to preserve and perpetuate such items."

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