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H.C.R. No. 54

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The Tenth Amendment to the United States
2 Constitution places clear limits on the reach of the federal
3 government; however, through the years, the U.S. Congress has
4 seized upon the Interstate Commerce Clause in Article 1, Section 8
5 of the Constitution as justification for methodically expanding its
6 own powers; and

7 WHEREAS, The Interstate Commerce Clause provides that
8 Congress shall have only the authority "[t]o regulate Commerce with
9 foreign Nations, and among the several States, and with the Indian
10 Tribes" and should not be used to provide Congress with powers
11 beyond those originally intended by the framers of the
12 Constitution, such as the establishment of regulations, agencies,
13 and government programs that usurp the duties and responsibilities
14 reserved for the states by the Tenth Amendment; now, therefore, be
15 it

16 RESOLVED, That the 82nd Legislature of the State of Texas
17 hereby respectfully urge the Congress of the United States to
18 reaffirm its commitment to the Tenth Amendment of the United States
19 Constitution by returning to the states the many duties and
20 responsibilities reserved to them; and, be it further

21 RESOLVED, That the 82nd Texas Legislature urge the Congress
22 of the United States to abolish, in an orderly and expeditious
23 fashion, within a time span not to exceed 10 years, the Department
24 of Education, the Federal Highway Administration, the Department of

1 Commerce, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, the
2 Department of Health and Human Services, and the Department of
3 Labor; and, be it further

4 RESOLVED, That the 82nd Texas Legislature urge the Congress
5 of the United States to reduce the federal income tax by an amount
6 equal to the cost savings associated with the abolition of these
7 agencies, to commit to never usurping the rights of the states in
8 any future legislation, and to refrain from exempting itself from
9 any legislation it so passes; and, be it further

10 RESOLVED, That the Texas secretary of state forward official
11 copies of this resolution to the president of the United States, to
12 the president of the Senate and the speaker of the House of
13 Representatives of the United States Congress, and to all the
14 members of the Texas delegation to Congress with the request that
15 this resolution be entered in the Congressional Record as a
16 memorial to the Congress of the United States of America.