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H.R. No. 180

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Texas is facing the largest revenue shortfall in its
2 history, and this budget crisis will destroy the promise of Texas;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, among the proposed budget cuts already outlined in
5 H.B.1 are:

- 6 - the elimination of pre-kindergarten programs that would
7 have educated 192,000 children;
- 8 - a \$1.57 billion budget reduction for nursing facility
9 payments ensuring that this state will not keep its promise
10 to our elders;
- 11 - the termination of 100,000 educational jobs, which will
12 cripple both our economy and our schools;
- 13 - a drastic reduction of \$1.15 billion dollars for Texas
14 Closing the Gaps program meaning many Texans aspiring to
15 higher education will have to defer their dreams;
- 16 - the eradication of the existence of four community colleges
17 and, thus, altering the fate of the hundreds of students at
18 those schools; and

19 WHEREAS, the Governor has already identified five emergency
20 items but has failed to acknowledge the largest deficit in our
21 recent history and the biggest threat to Texas' prosperity and
22 promise to its citizens; and

23 WHEREAS, the Texas Constitution provides that each body of
24 the legislature can set its own course by an affirmative vote of

1 4/5; and

2 WHEREAS, this body duly acknowledges the challenges we face
3 with our economy and our revenue shortfall. As both Democrats and
4 Republicans, we recognize our budget as the single most important
5 legislative matter of this session and we are bound by duty and
6 service to our constituents to put all matters aside and devote our
7 full attention, roll up our sleeves, and work hard so that we can do
8 right by Texas by focusing solely on mastering this budget
9 challenge; and therefore be it

10 RESOLVED that pursuant to Article 3, Section 5 of the Texas
11 Constitution, that this Texas House of Representatives of the 82nd
12 Legislature declare our state budget as proposed in H.B. 1 be its
13 first and only order of business; and be it further

14 RESOLVED that we will work day and night to assemble a
15 committee, afford members the opportunity to weigh the proposed
16 budget and its impact on our constituents, and work together in
17 pursuit of a solution; and be it further

18 RESOLVED that this house will consider adding to its order
19 other bills related to the budget as well as other legislative
20 matters that 4/5ths of our body determine to be priority matters and
21 in the best interest of Texas pursuant to the Texas Constitution.