## SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 1

2 WHEREAS, The cruise operations in the homeports of Galveston and Houston have an enormous economic impact on Texas; together, 3 4 the cities hosted some 680,000 passenger and crew visits in 2007, which accounted for \$1.07 billion in direct spending; in addition, 5 6

the industry was responsible for generating over 18,500 Texas jobs and paying \$893 million in wage income; and 7 WHEREAS, South of Galveston, between Calhoun and Cameron 8

Counties, Texas is home to several growing cities, robust tourism, 9 and a wealth of natural resources; the area also hosts three major 10 deepwater ports, any of which might be a viable site for a cruise 11

12 line headquarters or a port of embarkation; and

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13 WHEREAS, Florida and California, respectively, benefit the 14 most from the North American cruise industry; both states currently 15 operate five ports, including Port Canaveral, Port Everglades, Jacksonville, Miami, and Tampa in Florida, and Los Angeles, Long 16 Beach, San Diego, San Francisco, and Oakland in California; an 17 additional Texas cruise ship port between Calhoun and Cameron 18 Counties could offer an attractive vacation option for a 19 significant portion of the state's residents and be an economic 20 21 boon to the state as a whole; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the 82nd Legislature of the State of Texas hereby request the lieutenant governor and the speaker of the house 23 24 of representatives to provide for a joint interim legislative study

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- between Calhoun and Cameron Counties and its potential economic
- impact; and, be it further 3
- RESOLVED, That the committee's proceedings and operations be 4
- 5 governed by such general rules and policies for joint interim
- committees as the 82nd Legislature may adopt. 6

President of the Senate	Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.C.R. No. 5 was adopted by the Senate on March 17, 2011, by a viva-voce vote.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.C.R. No. 5 was adopted by the House on May 19, 2011, by the following vote: Yeas 145, Nays 3, one present not voting.

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Approved: Date Governor