

1-1 By: Hinojosa, Lucio S.C.R. No. 5  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed January 6, 2011; February 2, 2011,  
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on International  
1-4 Relations and Trade; March 7, 2011, reported favorably by the  
1-5 following vote: Yeas 5, Nays 0; March 7, 2011, sent to printer.)

1-6 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1-7 WHEREAS, The cruise operations in the homeports of Galveston  
1-8 and Houston have an enormous economic impact on Texas; together,  
1-9 the cities hosted some 680,000 passenger and crew visits in 2007,  
1-10 which accounted for \$1.07 billion in direct spending; in addition,  
1-11 the industry was responsible for generating over 18,500 Texas jobs  
1-12 and paying \$893 million in wage income; and

1-13 WHEREAS, South of Galveston, between Calhoun and Cameron  
1-14 Counties, Texas is home to several growing cities, robust tourism,  
1-15 and a wealth of natural resources; the area also hosts three major  
1-16 deepwater ports, any of which might be a viable site for a cruise  
1-17 line headquarters or a port of embarkation; and

1-18 WHEREAS, Florida and California, respectively, benefit the  
1-19 most from the North American cruise industry; both states currently  
1-20 operate five ports, including Port Canaveral, Port Everglades,  
1-21 Jacksonville, Miami, and Tampa in Florida, and Los Angeles, Long  
1-22 Beach, San Diego, San Francisco, and Oakland in California; an  
1-23 additional Texas cruise ship port between Calhoun and Cameron  
1-24 Counties could offer an attractive vacation option for a  
1-25 significant portion of the state's residents and be an economic  
1-26 boon to the state as a whole; now, therefore, be it

1-27 RESOLVED, That the 82nd Legislature of the State of Texas  
1-28 hereby request the lieutenant governor and the speaker of the house  
1-29 of representatives to provide for a joint interim legislative study  
1-30 regarding the development of a cruise industry on the Texas coast  
1-31 between Calhoun and Cameron Counties and its potential economic  
1-32 impact; and, be it further

1-33 RESOLVED, That the committee's proceedings and operations be  
1-34 governed by such general rules and policies for joint interim  
1-35 committees as the 82nd Legislature may adopt.

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