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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The Ten Commandments set forth a code of moral
2 conduct that has had a significant impact on the development of the
3 legal principles of western civilization; and

4 WHEREAS, It is clear from their writings that our founding
5 fathers believed devotedly that there was a God, and throughout
6 American history all three branches of government have acknowledged
7 the strong role of religion in our nation's heritage and in the
8 lives of its citizens; and

9 WHEREAS, Government should not now or ever demonstrate any
10 hostility to observances of faith by disabling the recognition of
11 our religious heritage; and

12 WHEREAS, The overwhelming majority of voters in the 2010
13 Republican Party Primary Election voted in favor of the public
14 acknowledgement of God, and the 2012 platform of the Republican
15 Party of Texas affirms "that the public acknowledgement of God is
16 undeniable in our history and is vital to our freedom, prosperity,
17 and strength"; and

18 WHEREAS, Reflecting our history as a religious people,
19 prayers, including the use of the word "God," at public gatherings
20 and displays of the Ten Commandments in public educational
21 institutions and other government buildings are acknowledgements
22 of the continuing and important role of our religious tradition;
23 now, therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the 83rd Legislature of the State of Texas

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1 hereby support prayers, including the use of the word "God," at
2 public gatherings as well as displays of the Ten Commandments in
3 public educational institutions and other government buildings.