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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The Republic of Texas existed as an independent
2 nation for nine years, and when it accepted admission to the Union
3 in 1845, it remained a free and independent state subject only to
4 the United States Constitution; and

5 WHEREAS, The United States Congress has passed laws requiring
6 Texas to make expenditures that are unfunded by the federal
7 government, which is a violation of the Tenth Amendment to the U.S.
8 Constitution; moreover, the federal government has caused the
9 intentional devaluation of its currency through its reckless
10 spending and borrowing, and this threatens the economic stability
11 of Texas; and

12 WHEREAS, The United States government has allowed the use of
13 its authority, credit, and goodwill for the benefit of private and
14 foreign concerns in violation of its own constitution; in addition,
15 its repeated failure to guard the border between Texas and Mexico
16 has forced the state to spend vast sums in order to protect its
17 citizens; and

18 WHEREAS, The federal government has further implemented
19 thousands of laws, mandates, and agencies in violation of the
20 United States Constitution and of the sovereignty of the State of
21 Texas; and

22 WHEREAS, Section 1, Article I, Texas Constitution, states
23 that "the perpetuity of the Union depend[s] upon the preservation
24 of the right of local self-government, unimpaired to all the

1 States"; Section 2, Article I, declares, "All political power is
2 inherent in the people, and all free governments are founded on
3 their authority, and instituted for their benefit. The faith of the
4 people of Texas stands pledged to the preservation of a republican
5 form of government, and, subject to this limitation only, they have
6 at all times the inalienable right to alter, reform or abolish their
7 government in such manner as they may think expedient"; now,
8 therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the 83rd Legislature of the State of Texas
10 hereby reaffirm the state's sovereignty under the Texas
11 Constitution and the Tenth Amendment to the Constitution of the
12 United States; and, be it further

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