HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1   WHEREAS, As in previous sessions, bills have been introduced
2 in both chambers of the 84th Texas Legislature to modify current
3 statutes prescribing how legally required notices are posted and
4 advertised to the general public; and

5   WHEREAS, Abundant testimony against these measures in past
6 public hearings has cited statistics that public notice placed on
7 the Internet would not reach a large number of Texans, demonstrated
8 problems with archiving Internet notices, raised questions about
9 removing oversight and reducing transparency, and questioned the
10 cost-effectiveness of posting notices on the Internet or through
11 social media; there has also been testimony that publishing public
12 notice on the Internet or through social media would be efficient
13 and cost-effective and would increase audience reach and
14 transparency; and

15   WHEREAS, It is incumbent on the State of Texas to ensure that
16 public notification about vital information be efficient and
17 effective, and the issue of posting and advertising public notices
18 on the Internet merits further examination; now, therefore, be it

19   RESOLVED, That the 84th Legislature of the State of Texas
20 hereby request the lieutenant governor and the speaker of the house
21 of representatives to create a joint interim committee to study the
22 issue of advertising public notices; and, be it further

23   RESOLVED, That the committee's proceedings and operations be
24 governed by such general rules and policies for joint interim

1 committees as the 84th Legislature may adopt.

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         President of the Senate   Speaker of the House

        I certify that H.C.R. No. 96 was adopted by the House on May
19, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 145, Nays 0, 1 present, not
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