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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, In the 21st century, residents of the Lone Star
2 State of all ages, backgrounds, and political persuasions may
3 directly address their elected legislators through the use of the
4 social media hashtag #txlege; and

5 WHEREAS, On Twitter and other online platforms, using #txlege
6 enables an engaged citizen to participate in unfiltered democracy,
7 sharing his or her beliefs, principles, complaints, and praise on
8 all subjects related to the Texas Legislature directly and
9 instantaneously with the world; and

10 WHEREAS, This ongoing conversation streams endlessly through
11 cyberspace, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, as individuals,
12 political parties, lobbyists, businesses, nonprofit organizations,
13 and countless other stakeholders communicate their thoughts about
14 current and proposed legislation 140 characters at a time; and

15 WHEREAS, These comments can range widely, from the solemn to
16 the comical, from the serious to the frivolous, and from the polite
17 to the not-so-polite, and taken together, they make up a ceaseless,
18 real-time, and sometimes raw but always fascinating
19 stream-of-consciousness accounting of what Texans want their
20 legislators to know; and

21 WHEREAS, Social media is transforming political discourse in
22 Texas, across the nation, and around the world, and #txlege
23 represents an opportunity for every Texan to follow and participate
24 in this dynamic and freewheeling debate of the issues of the day;

1 now, therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the 84th Legislature of the State of Texas
3 hereby designate #txlege as the official hashtag of the Texas
4 Legislature.