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H.C.R. No. 133

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The Gulf Coast plays a vital role in the Texas
2 economy, and the oyster ranks among the most valuable resources of
3 the region as a popular food and as the mainstay of an important
4 harvesting and processing industry; and

5 WHEREAS, Texas coastal waters and bays face continual, often
6 harsh challenges, which can negatively impact the viability of the
7 oysters there; these challenges include natural phenomena such as
8 drought, storms, disease, and algae blooms, as well as man-made
9 destruction caused by oil spills and other incidents; now,
10 therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the 84th Legislature of the State of Texas
12 hereby request that the lieutenant governor and the speaker of the
13 house of representatives create a joint interim committee to study
14 oyster resource management in Texas waterways, including the
15 growing, transplanting, and harvesting of oysters; and, be it
16 further

17 RESOLVED, That the study specifically develop
18 recommendations to better protect, develop, and propagate oysters
19 in order to support and enhance the oyster industry; and, be it
20 further

21 RESOLVED, That the joint interim committee be composed of
22 five members of the Texas Senate, three of whom represent districts
23 adjacent to oyster-producing bay systems, and five members of the
24 Texas House of Representatives, three of whom represent districts

1 adjacent to oyster-producing bay systems; and, be it further

2 RESOLVED, That the chair or co-chairs of the committee be
3 chosen from among the members representing districts with
4 significant oyster production; and, be it further

5 RESOLVED, That the committee submit a full report, including
6 findings and recommendations, to the 85th Texas Legislature in
7 January 2017; and, be it further

8 RESOLVED, That the committee's proceedings and operations be
9 governed by such general rules and policies for interim committees
10 as the 84th Texas Legislature may adopt.