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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Among the most urgent issues facing Texas is the
2 recent prolonged drought that has resulted in a diminished
3 freshwater supply; and

4 WHEREAS, Water supplies are further reduced by evaporation,
5 and determining methods to decrease its occurrence would help
6 alleviate the depletion of already scarce resources; now,
7 therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
9 Legislature hereby request the speaker to direct the House
10 Committee on Natural Resources to conduct an interim study on the
11 effects of evaporation on Texas water supplies; and, be it further

12 RESOLVED, That the study specifically:

13 (1) include a thorough analysis of the amount of
14 evaporation that occurs, including how much water is lost each year
15 broken down by planning region;

16 (2) identify the various methods of evaporation
17 reduction and their effectiveness, including a cost-benefit
18 analysis for water saved;

19 (3) determine a realistic and meaningful goal for the
20 state to set as a target evaporation reduction goal for future water
21 plans; and

22 (4) identify the financial barriers to effective
23 evaporation reduction; and, be it further

24 RESOLVED, That the committee submit a full report, including

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1 its findings and recommendations, to the House of Representatives
2 of the 85th Texas Legislature before it convenes in January 2017.