

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Residents of this state have made inquiries about
2 the process, rules, handling, and processing of recordings and
3 transcripts of emergency calls made to public safety agencies in
4 this state; and

5 WHEREAS, The principle of open and transparent government can
6 coexist with respect for the privacy of families grieving from the
7 loss of a loved one; and

8 WHEREAS, Certain entities have released the recording of an
9 emergency call that includes the voice of an individual who
10 subsequently died as a result of the emergency for which the call
11 was made; and

12 WHEREAS, The family members of those individuals can be
13 unnecessarily traumatized by hearing or learning of what are often
14 the last words of the individual who made the emergency call; now,
15 therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the 85th Legislature of the State of Texas
17 hereby request the lieutenant governor and the speaker of the house
18 of representatives to provide for a joint interim legislative
19 committee to study the process, rules, handling, and processing of
20 the disclosure of recordings and transcripts of emergency calls
21 made by a subsequently deceased individual to a public safety
22 agency or a public safety answering point, as those terms are
23 defined by Section [771.001](#), Health and Safety Code; and, be it
24 further

H.C.R. No. 140

1 RESOLVED, That the committee submit a full report, including
2 findings and recommendations, to the 86th Texas Legislature when it
3 convenes in January 2019.

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President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 140 was adopted by the House on May 24, 2017, by the following vote: 144 yeas, 0 nays, 4 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 140 was adopted by the Senate on May 28, 2017, by the following vote: 31 yeas, 0 nays.

Secretary of the Senate

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Date

Secretary of State