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H.C.R. No. 140

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

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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.