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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Green New Deal seeks to mobilize our nation's unparalleled wealth, creativity, and human potential to address the twin crises of climate change and worsening income inequality; and

WHEREAS, Like President Franklin Delano Roosevelt's New Deal, the Green New Deal recognizes that an existential challenge requires bold action on a grand scale; it is designed to combat climate change through a range of historic national projects that modernize the economy while providing meaningful, high-paying jobs for millions of Americans; and

WHEREAS, The Fourth National Climate Assessment, released in November 2018, warns that climate change presents mounting risks to human health and safety, quality of life, and economic growth; frequent extreme weather events and the disruption of average climate conditions will exacerbate existing barriers to prosperity caused by crumbling infrastructure, stressed ecosystems, and economic inequality; and

WHEREAS, Communities, governments, and businesses are working to reduce the dangers and costs associated with climate change, but the National Climate Assessment found that mitigation and adaptation efforts do not yet approach the scale necessary to avert substantial damage over the coming decades; and

WHEREAS, The Green New Deal establishes a number of vital goals: achieving net-zero greenhouse gas emissions, creating millions of high-wage jobs, investing in 21st-century infrastructure and industry, securing clean air and water, and maintaining a healthy food supply; while the changing climate threatens to exert a disproportionate negative impact on the most vulnerable, the Green New Deal promotes justice and equity to ensure broad avenues of opportunity for all members of society in this time of upheaval; and

WHEREAS, Climate change is a looming threat to our nation and the world, but the Green New Deal provides a framework to engage all Americans in the mission of transforming our society through investment in measures that support environmental sustainability and create widely shared prosperity; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the 86th Legislature of the State of Texas hereby express its support for the Green New Deal; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Texas secretary of state forward official copies of this resolution to the president of the United States, to the president of the Senate and the speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States Congress, and to all the members of the Texas delegation to Congress with the request that this resolution be entered in the Congressional Record as a memorial to the Congress of the United States of America.