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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Bolivar Peninsula was named for Simon Bolivar, liberator of Venezuela, Columbia, Ecuador, Peru, and Panama and founder and president of Bolivia; the Peninsula has been known as a destination famous for fishing, birding, shelling, and sea bathing where many people call home for their families and their businesses; and

WHEREAS, Throughout history, Bolivar Peninsula has weathered tremendous storms, each time rebuilding as a stronger and more resilient community; and

WHEREAS, the Texas coastal region fuels the nation as the top state for waterborne commerce and is home to critical infrastructure that is integral to the national economy and to national security; and

WHEREAS, the United States Army Corps of Engineers has initiated the Coastal Texas Protection and Restoration Feasibility Study to determine the feasibility of constructing coastal storm risk management and ecosystem restoration projects along the Texas Coast; The United States Army Corps of Engineers has recently concluded the public comment period on the Draft Integrated Feasibility Report and Environmental Impact Statement where the tentatively selected plan includes structures along Bolivar Peninsula and Galveston Island; and

WHEREAS, comments from the public expressed concern with the tentatively selected plan due to consequences to homes, businesses, and the environment resulting from structures through the middle of the Peninsula; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the 86th Legislature of the State of Texas, supports a revised Coastal Texas Protection and Restoration Feasibility Study tentatively selected plan that reflects community input from the Bolivar Peninsula received during the public comment period and ; and, be it further

RESOLVED, The State of Texas recognizes the need of protecting the Texas coast; any structure on Bolivar Peninsula should protect not damage the community; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Texas secretary of state forward official copies of this resolution to the commissioner of the Texas General Land Office, the United States Army Corps of Engineers, and to all members of the Texas delegation to Congress with the request that this resolution be officially entered in the Congressional Record.

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Rejecting any coastal storm risk management project which includes infrastructure that negatively impacts Bolivar Peninsula.

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