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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The Ten Commandments set forth a code of moral
2 conduct that has had a significant impact on the development of the
3 legal principles of western civilization; and

4 WHEREAS, It is clear from their writings that our founding
5 fathers believed devotedly that there was a God, and throughout
6 American history all three branches of government have acknowledged
7 the strong role of religion in our nation's heritage and in the
8 lives of its citizens; and

9 WHEREAS, Government should not now or ever demonstrate any
10 hostility to observances of faith by disabling the recognition of
11 our religious heritage; reflecting our history as a religious
12 people, prayers, including the use of the word "God," at public
13 gatherings and displays of the Ten Commandments in public
14 educational institutions and other government buildings are
15 acknowledgements of the continuing and important role of our
16 religious tradition; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the 86th Legislature of the State of Texas
18 hereby support prayers, including the use of the word "God," at
19 public gatherings and displays of the Ten Commandments in public
20 educational institutions and other government buildings.