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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The Objective Watchers of the Legal System
2 organization has worked for decades to promote good government; and

3 WHEREAS, O.W.L.S. was founded in the 1970s by a small group
4 of citizens who were concerned for the well-being of women and
5 children whose abuse cases were being handled by the judicial
6 system in Hidalgo County; the group's members sought to learn more
7 about other branches of local government as well, and they began
8 calling public attention to concerns about unfairness,
9 questionable actions, and abuses of power by elected and appointed
10 government officials; and

11 WHEREAS, Members of O.W.L.S. have served as a voice for their
12 fellow South Texas residents, addressing school boards, city
13 commissions and councils, county commissioners courts, regional
14 mobility authorities, and other governmental bodies; moreover,
15 they have also raised issues with the Texas Legislature and with the
16 United States Congress; and

17 WHEREAS, Champions of the ideals enshrined in the
18 U.S. Constitution, the members of the group strive to protect that
19 document's guarantees of personal rights and freedoms and its clear
20 limitations on government power; in addition, they promote
21 transparency and serve as staunch advocates for the Texas Public
22 Information Act and the Texas Open Meetings Act; and

23 WHEREAS, Citizen engagement is vital in a democratic society,
24 and the members of O.W.L.S. have set a sterling example for others

1 through their steadfast commitment to responsible and responsive
2 government; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the 86th Legislature of the State of Texas
4 hereby honor the Objective Watchers of the Legal System
5 organization for its dedicated work in South Texas and extend to the
6 group's members sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be
7 it further

8 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
9 prepared for the organization as an expression of high regard by the
10 Texas House of Representatives and Senate.