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H.C.R. No. 75

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Investing in emergency preparedness is critical to
2 lessening the economic and human impact of disasters, and the first
3 week of September is being set aside as Resiliency Week to
4 highlight the importance of advance planning in coping with such
5 events; and

6 WHEREAS, Since 1908, natural disasters in the United States
7 have inflicted a total of more than \$1 trillion in damage; they have
8 affected local and state economies in lost payrolls, lost sales and
9 income tax, and delayed economic recovery; of all the small
10 businesses impacted by natural disasters, it is estimated that 25
11 percent never reopened their doors; and

12 WHEREAS, Hazard mitigation is the effort to reduce the loss
13 of life and property from disasters, and it is most effective when
14 implemented under a comprehensive, long-term mitigation plan; and

15 WHEREAS, The Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant Program
16 administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency is designed
17 to assist states and local communities in developing such plans;
18 the Disaster Recovery Reform Act, a piece of federal legislation
19 recently signed into law, makes available new funding for states
20 and communities to undertake pre-disaster mitigation measures and
21 creates new incentives for states to prioritize resiliency; and

22 WHEREAS, According to a FEMA-commissioned study conducted by
23 the National Institute of Building Sciences, every dollar spent on
24 hazard mitigation provides the nation with \$6 in future benefits;

1 effective pre-disaster mitigation reduces the demand for relief
2 services provided by rescue and recovery teams, food banks and
3 homeless shelters, and other organizations, and it helps break the
4 cycle of vulnerability that can leave communities prone to future
5 hazards; and

6 WHEREAS, The task of building strong, secure, and resilient
7 communities is essential to the long-term prosperity of the Lone
8 Star State, and Resiliency Week in September serves to remind us of
9 the need to take action now to ensure that the infrastructure of our
10 state is ready for whatever tomorrow may bring; now, therefore, be
11 it

12 RESOLVED, That the 86th Legislature of the State of Texas
13 hereby designate the first week of September as Resiliency Week;
14 and, be it further

15 RESOLVED, That, in accordance with the provisions of Section
16 [391.004\(d\)](#), Government Code, this designation remain in effect
17 until the 10th anniversary of the date that this resolution is
18 finally passed by the legislature.