

1-1 By: Herrero (Senate Sponsor - Hinojosa) H.C.R. No. 140
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 10, 2019;
 1-3 May 13, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on Water &
 1-4 Rural Affairs; May 19, 2019, reported favorably by the following
 1-5 vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0; May 19, 2019, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-15 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1-16 WHEREAS, The Gulf of Mexico is an ocean basin bounded on the
 1-17 north, northeast, and northwest by the United States, on the south
 1-18 and southwest by Mexico, and on the southeast by Cuba; and

1-19 WHEREAS, Forming a vibrant region, the five Gulf states,
 1-20 Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas, contribute
 1-21 immeasurably to the nation's economy, security, energy,
 1-22 environment, culture, beauty, diversity, and resilience; and

1-23 WHEREAS, The Gulf of Mexico's watershed covers more than half
 1-24 of the continental United States; all the rivers in Texas drain into
 1-25 the gulf, which sustains diverse flora and fauna, providing food,
 1-26 shelter, and habitat to marine and estuarine organisms, shorebirds,
 1-27 waterfowl, and other wildlife; and

1-28 WHEREAS, While supporting the nation's seafood industry, the
 1-29 gulf also draws people from across the country and around the world
 1-30 for recreational fishing and all manner of water sports; tourism
 1-31 generates hundreds of billions of dollars each year; and

1-32 WHEREAS, The Gulf region plays a vital role in our nation's
 1-33 defense and aerospace exploration; moreover, it is crucial to oil,
 1-34 gas, and energy production, as well as import and export trade; if
 1-35 it were a country, the region's economy would rank among the globe's
 1-36 top 10; and

1-37 WHEREAS, With its combination of commercial activity and
 1-38 natural beauty, the gulf draws a large population to its thousands
 1-39 of miles of shoreline; one of the most culturally diverse regions in
 1-40 the nation, it is home to millions of residents who trace their
 1-41 heritage to different continents and embrace the variety of
 1-42 traditions that converge in this unique place; and

1-43 WHEREAS, The continued dynamism of the Gulf of Mexico is a
 1-44 matter of tremendous import to the entire nation, and by increasing
 1-45 awareness of the region's myriad treasures and limitless value, we
 1-46 help to ensure a sustainable future; now, therefore, be it

1-47 RESOLVED, That the 86th Legislature of the State of Texas
 1-48 hereby recognize 2020 as "The Year to Embrace the Gulf" and
 1-49 encourage all Texans to join in the observance; and, be it further

1-50 RESOLVED, That the Texas secretary of state forward official
 1-51 copies of this resolution to the Capitol press corps.

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