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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1   WHEREAS, Evidence-based policing has yielded positive
2 results in numerous communities; and
3   WHEREAS, Using scientific methods, evidence-based policing
4 tests and tracks interventions to determine whether they are
5 effective and efficient; the results help police departments
6 continuously refine their policies and strategies with a structure
7 to evaluate the impact on the communities they serve; EBP, as it is
8 sometimes known, also allows for the assessment of potential harm
9 prior to the introduction of new initiatives or policies; and
10   WHEREAS, In Texas, the City of Houston has developed measures
11 to integrate evidence-based policing methods, and the Caruth Police
12 Institute in Dallas has made great strides in helping officers gain
13 leadership skills while learning evidence-based strategies; in
14 2018, Texas Southern University announced the establishment of the
15 Center for Justice Research, an initiative designed to produce
16 innovative solutions for criminal justice reform; in addition, the
17 American Society of Evidence-Based Policing has provided extensive
18 training to Texas officers and crime analysts; and
19   WHEREAS, Despite the success of evidence-based police
20 training and the growing demand for such training for officers as
21 they move up the ranks, there is currently no state standard in
22 place to support the adoption of evidence-based police training in
23 Texas; now, therefore, be it
24   RESOLVED, That the 86th Legislature of the State of Texas

1 hereby encourage the implementation of evidence-based police

2 training for police officers and staff in leadership and

3 supervisory roles in all police departments across the state; and,

4 be it further

5   RESOLVED, That the Texas Legislature recommend that 20 hours

6 of evidence-based police training be completed by police officers

7 and staff in leadership and supervisory roles in all police

8 departments across the state.