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H.R. No. 1058

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, April 1, 2020, is National Census Day, which gives
2 our state one year from today to ensure that all Texans are counted
3 and that we receive our fair share of resources and representation;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Section 2, Article I, of the U.S. Constitution
6 mandates a periodic enumeration of all people living in the United
7 States, and this census has been carried out every 10 years since
8 1790; the data collected in the census determines the number of
9 representatives apportioned to each state in the U.S. House of
10 Representatives and by extension the number of electors
11 representing each state in the Electoral College during
12 presidential elections; and

13 WHEREAS, The data is additionally used to help determine how
14 approximately \$675 billion will be distributed each year by the
15 federal government to state, local, and tribal governments; Texas
16 currently receives about \$59 billion of those census-guided federal
17 funds annually, and these funds support programs that are crucial
18 to the well-being of Texas families and communities, including
19 Medicaid, highway planning and construction, the National School
20 Lunch Program, special education, and foster care; and

21 WHEREAS, Texas businesses also rely on census data to make
22 informed decisions when investing resources or expanding into new
23 markets, and this data is especially vital given the rapid growth
24 and changing demographics of the Lone Star State; if businesses do

1 not have accurate and comprehensive data, they cannot make informed
2 decisions, which could directly impact the state's economy; and

3 WHEREAS, The people of Texas and the United States only get
4 one chance every decade at achieving a full census count, and the
5 data collected will inform important policy decisions for years to
6 come; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
8 Legislature hereby recognize April 1, 2019, as Census Awareness Day
9 in Texas.