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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The Green New Deal seeks to mobilize our nation's  
2 unparalleled wealth, creativity, and human potential to address the  
3 twin crises of climate change and worsening income inequality; and

4 WHEREAS, Like President Franklin Delano Roosevelt's New  
5 Deal, the Green New Deal recognizes that an existential challenge  
6 requires bold action on a grand scale; it is designed to combat  
7 climate change through a range of historic national projects that  
8 modernize the economy while providing meaningful, high-paying jobs  
9 for millions of Americans; and

10 WHEREAS, The Fourth National Climate Assessment, released in  
11 November 2018, warns that climate change presents mounting risks to  
12 human health and safety, quality of life, and economic growth;  
13 frequent extreme weather events and the disruption of average  
14 climate conditions will exacerbate existing barriers to prosperity  
15 caused by crumbling infrastructure, stressed ecosystems, and  
16 economic inequality; and

17 WHEREAS, Communities, governments, and businesses are  
18 working to reduce the dangers and costs associated with climate  
19 change, but the National Climate Assessment found that mitigation  
20 and adaptation efforts do not yet approach the scale necessary to  
21 avert substantial damage over the coming decades; and

22 WHEREAS, The Green New Deal establishes a number of vital  
23 goals: achieving net-zero greenhouse gas emissions, creating  
24 millions of high-wage jobs, investing in 21st-century

1 infrastructure and industry, securing clean air and water, and  
2 maintaining a healthy food supply; while the changing climate  
3 threatens to exert a disproportionate negative impact on the most  
4 vulnerable, the Green New Deal promotes justice and equity to  
5 ensure broad avenues of opportunity for all members of society in  
6 this time of upheaval; and

7       WHEREAS, Climate change is a looming threat to our nation and  
8 the world, but the Green New Deal provides a framework to engage all  
9 Americans in the mission of transforming our society through  
10 investment in measures that support environmental sustainability  
11 and create widely shared prosperity; now, therefore, be it

12       RESOLVED, That the 87th Legislature of the State of Texas  
13 hereby respectfully urge the Congress of the United States to pass  
14 the Green New Deal; and, be it further

15       RESOLVED, That the Texas secretary of state forward official  
16 copies of this resolution to the president of the United States, to  
17 the president of the Senate and the speaker of the House of  
18 Representatives of the United States Congress, and to all the  
19 members of the Texas delegation to Congress with the request that  
20 this resolution be entered in the Congressional Record as a  
21 memorial to the Congress of the United States of America.