RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The House Rules of Procedure adopted at the beginning of the 87th Legislative Session included Rule 16 Special Rule to bring the House of Representatives to standards that were allegedly necessary for combating the Covid-19 virus; and

WHEREAS, Governor Greg Abbott announced the re-opening of Texas on March 2nd, 2021, removing his Executive Orders, declaring Texas to be "100% open" on March 10th, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Rule 16 Sec. 4 of the Texas House Rules of Procedure for the 87th Legislature allow for the deactivation of the Rule 16 Special Rule that were activated upon the adoption of the permanent rules of procedure by resolution; and

WHEREAS, In accordance with Governor Greg Abbott's Executive Order for Texas to be 100% open, the Texas House should also be open 100%; and

WHEREAS, Due to the removal of the Executive Orders, the 87th Legislature shall deactivate the Rule 16 Special Rule that was initially activated in its entirety upon the adoption of the permanent rules of procedure of the 87th Legislature; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas Legislature hereby open the Texas House of Representatives and deactivate all sections of Rule 16 Special Rule that was activated initially in its entirety upon the adoption of the permanent rules of procedure of the House of Representatives 87th Legislature,
effective March 10th, 2021.