

1 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Members of the Texas Geographic Names Committee and  
3 the U.S. Board on Geographic Names have issued a report which shows  
4 that there are at least 28 geographic features in Texas with  
5 racially offensive names; and

6 WHEREAS, In 1991, the Texas Legislature passed H.B. 1756,  
7 relating to the elimination of certain racially offensive names of  
8 geographic features; the act requires the renaming of any  
9 geographic feature with a name containing the word "Negro," yet in  
10 the 30 years since the law was passed, 17 of the 19 place names  
11 detailed in the act remain unchanged; and

12 WHEREAS, Changes to place names require the approval of the  
13 U.S. Board on Geographic Names, which in 1998 rejected the names  
14 proposed by H.B. 1756; however, the names were submitted for  
15 reconsideration at a recent meeting of the USBGN and will be  
16 considered for validation and acceptance no later than June 2021;  
17 and

18 WHEREAS, In addition to those currently under  
19 reconsideration, the USBGN has identified 11 other place names in  
20 Texas containing the slur, in contravention of Section 3 of H.B.  
21 1756; there are currently no proposals to change these names, and  
22 the board's protocol requires a formal proposal be submitted in  
23 order to consider any changes; the board encourages Texas to seek  
24 proponents to submit a proposal for each of these names; and

1 WHEREAS, The perpetuation of racially offensive language is a  
2 stain on the Lone Star State, and it is vital that the names of these  
3 geographic features be changed in order to reflect and honor the  
4 diversity of the population; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the 87th Legislature of the State of Texas  
6 hereby urge the U.S. Board on Geographic Names to approve requests  
7 to change racially offensive place names in accordance with Texas  
8 H.B. 1756.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.C.R. No. 29 was adopted by the Senate on April 28, 2021, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.C.R. No. 29 was adopted by the House on May 24, 2021, by the following vote: Yeas 146, Nays 0.

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Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

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Date

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Governor