

1-1 By: Miles S.C.R. No. 29
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 11, 2021; April 1, 2021, read
 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs;
 1-4 April 20, 2021, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 9,
 1-5 Nays 0; April 20, 2021, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-8	X			
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1-12	X			
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1-17 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1-18 WHEREAS, Members of the Texas Geographic Names Committee and
 1-19 the U.S. Board on Geographic Names have issued a report which shows
 1-20 that there are at least 28 geographic features in Texas with
 1-21 racially offensive names; and

1-22 WHEREAS, In 1991, the Texas Legislature passed H.B. 1756,
 1-23 relating to the elimination of certain racially offensive names of
 1-24 geographic features; the act requires the renaming of any
 1-25 geographic feature with a name containing the word "Negro," yet in
 1-26 the 30 years since the law was passed, 17 of the 19 place names
 1-27 detailed in the act remain unchanged; and

1-28 WHEREAS, Changes to place names require the approval of the
 1-29 U.S. Board on Geographic Names, which in 1998 rejected the names
 1-30 proposed by H.B. 1756; however, the names were submitted for
 1-31 reconsideration at a recent meeting of the USBGN and will be
 1-32 considered for validation and acceptance no later than June 2021;
 1-33 and

1-34 WHEREAS, In addition to those currently under
 1-35 reconsideration, the USBGN has identified 11 other place names in
 1-36 Texas containing the slur, in contravention of Section 3 of H.B.
 1-37 1756; there are currently no proposals to change these names, and
 1-38 the board's protocol requires a formal proposal be submitted in
 1-39 order to consider any changes; the board encourages Texas to seek
 1-40 proponents to submit a proposal for each of these names; and

1-41 WHEREAS, The perpetuation of racially offensive language is a
 1-42 stain on the Lone Star State, and it is vital that the names of these
 1-43 geographic features be changed in order to reflect and honor the
 1-44 diversity of the population; now, therefore, be it

1-45 RESOLVED, That the 87th Legislature of the State of Texas
 1-46 hereby urge the U.S. Board on Geographic Names to approve requests
 1-47 to change racially offensive place names in accordance with Texas
 1-48 H.B. 1756.

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