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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The United States Census Bureau announced on April 3 26, 2021, that the 2020 Census shows the population of the United 4 States on April 1, 2020 was 331,449,281, an increase of 22,703,743 5 people or 7.4% from the population total in 2010; and

6 WHEREAS, The United States Census Bureau announced that 7 Texas' population on April 1, 2020 was 29,183,290; and

8 WHEREAS, The United States Census Bureau also apportioned 9 United States Representatives among the several states pursuant to 10 Article 1, Section 2, of the United States Constitution; and

11 WHEREAS, Texas received two additional congressional 12 representatives bringing its total Texas delegation to the U.S. 13 House of Representatives to 38; and

14 WHEREAS, Texas narrowly missed out on being allocated a third 15 new congressional representative, the Texas 39th congressional 16 district, which ranked 438th out of 435 possible congressional 17 seats; and

WHEREAS, Experts like the Texas State Demographer, Dr. Lloyd Potter, have raised concerns that the 2020 Census for Texas is likely to have a substantial undercount, meaning that the actual enumeration of Texans is likely to be more than the census reported population of the State; and

23 WHEREAS, Texas has some of the most difficult populations in 24 the United States to count due to its geographic size, language and

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1 ethnic diversity, and other socio-economic factors; and

2 WHEREAS, An undercount of less than 1% in the Texas Census 3 population would yield enough new population that Texas would 4 likely merit another congressional representative if its true 5 population on April 1, 2020 were known; and

6 WHEREAS, An undercount of 1% will cost Texas \$300,000,000
7 dollars in federal funding per year; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the of the 87th Texas Legislature of the State 9 of Texas hereby authorizes the Attorney General of Texas to seek all 10 necessary relief, including seeking an adjustment to the U.S. 11 Census in order that the true nature of the Texas population may be 12 known and congressional representation may be reapportioned so that 13 justice may be done.