

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The Texas Legislature and the Parks and Wildlife
2 Department have traditionally recognized the private landowner as
3 the primary steward of our state's natural resources and have
4 provided increased flexibility for wildlife management on private
5 lands; and

6 WHEREAS, In order to preserve wildlife habitat or "wild land"
7 use, the private landowner must receive economic benefit and
8 continued flexibility in managing natural resources; and

9 WHEREAS, The traditional family farm or ranch in Texas is in
10 danger of no longer being profitable, leading ultimately to the
11 extinction and loss of our rural culture; and

12 WHEREAS, Deer, the most managed big game species in Texas,
13 provide aesthetic and economic benefits to landowners on private
14 property; and

15 WHEREAS, These private properties require strict control of
16 deer herd numbers and demographics as a means to protect the
17 resource from depletion and waste while allowing the landowner to
18 achieve management goals; and

19 WHEREAS, The Parks and Wildlife Department has appointed the
20 White-tailed Deer Advisory Committee to review current deer
21 regulations and statutes and make recommendations to the department
22 on appropriate actions; now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the 78th Legislature of the State of Texas
24 hereby direct the White-tailed Deer Advisory Committee to address

1 how habitat relates to the ecological diversity of the state and to
2 study the role of the wildlife biologist in the development of
3 management plans and in the utilization of suitable management
4 practices, including population goals and control, yearly census
5 data, supplemental feeding and food plots, and genetic management;
6 and, be it further

7 RESOLVED, That the 78th Legislature direct the White-tailed
8 Deer Advisory Committee to study current deer management permits to
9 determine how to provide flexibility and economic incentives for
10 private landowners in preserving wildlife habitat; and, be it
11 further

12 RESOLVED, That the 78th Legislature direct the White-tailed
13 Deer Advisory Committee to meet with the members or staff of the
14 Senate Committee on Natural Resources, the members or staff of the
15 House Committee on State Cultural and Recreational Resources, and
16 the staff of the Parks and Wildlife Department on a quarterly basis
17 and to report findings from each meeting to the chairman of the
18 Senate Committee on Natural Resources, the chairman of the House
19 Committee on State Cultural and Recreational Resources, and the
20 chairman of the Parks and Wildlife Commission; and, be it further

21 RESOLVED, That the secretary of state forward an official
22 copy of this resolution to the lieutenant governor, the speaker of
23 the house of representatives, the chairman of the Senate Natural
24 Resources Committee, the chairman of the House State Cultural and
25 Recreational Resources Committee, and the executive director of the
26 Parks and Wildlife Department.

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President of the Senate

Jim Caddick

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 256 was adopted by the House on May 28, 2003, by a non-record vote.

Robert Hanay
Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 256 was adopted by the Senate on May 31, 2003, by a viva-voce vote.

Patricia Spaw
Secretary of the Senate

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Rick Perry
Governor

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