SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The cruise operations in the homeports of Galveston and Houston have an enormous economic impact on Texas; together, the cities hosted some 680,000 passenger and crew visits in 2007, which accounted for $1.07 billion in direct spending; in addition, the industry was responsible for generating over 18,500 Texas jobs and paying $893 million in wage income; and

WHEREAS, South of Galveston, between Calhoun and Cameron Counties, Texas is home to several growing cities, robust tourism, and a wealth of natural resources; the area also hosts three major deepwater ports, any of which might be a viable site for a cruise line headquarters or a port of embarkation; and

WHEREAS, Florida and California, respectively, benefit the most from the North American cruise industry; both states currently operate five ports, including Port Canaveral, Port Everglades, Jacksonville, Miami, and Tampa in Florida, and Los Angeles, Long Beach, San Diego, San Francisco, and Oakland in California; an additional Texas cruise ship port between Calhoun and Cameron Counties could offer an attractive vacation option for a significant portion of the state's residents and be an economic boon to the state as a whole; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the 82nd Legislature of the State of Texas hereby request the lieutenant governor and the speaker of the house of representatives to provide for a joint interim legislative study
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1 regarding the development of a cruise industry on the Texas coast
2 between Calhoun and Cameron Counties and its potential economic
3 impact; and, be it further
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RESOLVED, That the committee's proceedings and operations be
governed by such general rules and policies for joint interim
committees as the 82nd Legislature may adopt

DVIDAEORHUNNSt] Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.C.R. No. 5 was adopted by the Senate
on March 17, 2011, by a viva-voce vote

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.C.R. No. 5 was adopted by the House
on May 19, 2011, by the following vote: Yeas 145, Nays 3, one
present not voting

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

17 JUN '11

Date

Rick Perry

Governor

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