

1 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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

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

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

22 RESOLVED, That the 82nd Legislature of the State of Texas
23 hereby request the lieutenant governor and the speaker of the house
24 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

4 RESOLVED, That the committee's proceedings and operations be
5 governed by such general rules and policies for joint interim
6 committees as the 82nd Legislature may adopt _____

David Dewhurst
President of the Senate

Joe Straus
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. _____

Patryk Spaw
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 _____

Robert Haney
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

17 JUN '11
Date

Rick Perry
Governor

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Cheryl R. Ralston
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Secretary of State