

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Technology has revolutionized the way we think,
2 work, interact, and play, and in the educational setting, it can
3 engage learners, promote discovery, and enhance the acquisition of
4 knowledge and skills; and

5 WHEREAS, Today, many students are comfortable with and
6 practical in the use of technology; a 2012 study by the national
7 nonprofit organization Project Tomorrow found that a large
8 percentage of Texas students access the Internet through their
9 personal smart phones, laptops, and tablet computers at home but
10 are rarely allowed to employ them in the classroom; moreover, 72
11 percent of Texas parents indicated that they would provide a mobile
12 computing device for their child if the school would permit the use
13 of such learning tools, for instance through "Bring Your Own
14 Device" programs; and

15 WHEREAS, Outside the classroom, young people are able to use
16 technology to create personalized learning environments that
17 directly fuel their passion for knowledge; schools frequently do
18 not offer such a highly customized experience, causing a growing
19 disconnect between how students acquire knowledge and collaborate
20 with others in their daily lives and how they are expected to learn
21 and participate in the classroom; and

22 WHEREAS, The use of technology in the classroom can make
23 education more student-centered and offer the ability to tailor
24 instruction to serve youths who come from diverse backgrounds and

1 have different interests and goals; although children may be
2 "digital natives" with high technical ability, they still need
3 guidance in developing critical thinking skills that will allow
4 them to maximize their potential to thrive amidst the rapid change
5 of the information age; teachers are likewise eager to take
6 advantage of the vast digital resources available to broaden
7 horizons and deepen the learning experience; and

8 WHEREAS, Technological proficiency is a requirement for
9 success in an increasingly global economy, and the use of mobile
10 computing devices in schools can better prepare young Texans to
11 become productive members of society; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the 83rd Legislature of the State of Texas
13 hereby encourage school districts to adopt policies that promote
14 the use of technology and technological devices in classrooms; and,
15 be it further

16 RESOLVED, That the Texas secretary of state forward an
17 official copy of this resolution to the commissioner of the Texas
18 Education Agency.

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President of the Senate

Joe Straus
Speaker of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 104 was adopted by the House on May 8, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 147, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

Robert Honey
Chief Clerk of the House

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Secretary of the Senate

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