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H.C.R. No. 75

Substitute the following for H.C.R. No. 75:

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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Most major electronic messaging applications
2 provide a number of flag emojis, including that of the Republic of
3 Chile, but the official flag of Texas, also known as the Lone Star
4 Flag, is not included in the selection; and

5 WHEREAS, All too often, the Chilean flag emoji is used as a
6 substitute for the Lone Star Flag in text messaging and on social
7 media platforms; the Chilean flag proudly represents its country
8 but, despite its similarity to the Texas flag, it does not represent
9 the State of Texas; and

10 WHEREAS, The colors of the Chilean flag depict sky, snow, and
11 blood spilled while fighting for freedom, but the blue, white, and
12 red of the Lone Star Flag stand for the Texan values of loyalty,
13 purity, and bravery; and

14 WHEREAS, The single star of the Chilean flag, positioned in a
15 blue canton, has been seen by some as a guide to progress and honor,
16 while others have interpreted it to symbolize the powers of Chile's
17 government; and

18 WHEREAS, The independent Lone Star of Texas, situated in a
19 blue left panel, represents all of Texas and stands for our unity as
20 one for God, State, and Country, according to Section 3100.152(d),
21 Government Code; additionally, the five points of the Lone Star
22 have been said to represent the characteristics of a good Texas
23 citizen: fortitude, loyalty, righteousness, prudence, and
24 broadmindedness; and

1 WHEREAS, The third flag adopted by the Republic of Texas, the
2 Lone Star Flag has a grand history, and just as our flag could never
3 fully embody the country of Chile, neither can the Chilean flag
4 inspire feelings of pride and passion in the heart of a true Texan;
5 now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the 85th Legislature of the State of Texas
7 hereby reject the notion that the Chilean flag, although it is a
8 nice flag, can in any way compare to or be substituted for the
9 official state flag of Texas and urge all Texans not to use the
10 Republic of Chile flag emoji in digital forums when referring to the
11 Lone Star Flag of the great State of Texas.