

1-1 By: Springer (Senate Sponsor - Estes) H.C.R. No. 30
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 18, 2017;
 1-3 May 1, 2017, read first time and referred to Committee on
 1-4 Agriculture, Water & Rural Affairs; May 16, 2017, reported
 1-5 favorably by the following vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0; May 16, 2017,
 1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-13	X			
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1-16 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1-17 WHEREAS, The Red River Boundary Compact of 2000 set the
 1-18 boundary between Texas and Oklahoma at the vegetation line on the
 1-19 south bank of the Red River, with the exception of the Texoma area,
 1-20 where the boundary is established pursuant to procedures outlined
 1-21 in the agreement; and

1-22 WHEREAS, In 2013, the United States Bureau of Land Management
 1-23 began developing a resource management plan for the use of land
 1-24 along a 116-mile stretch of the Red River; it claims that as many as
 1-25 90,000 acres in Texas may actually be part of federal lands and
 1-26 would therefore be public land under a 1923 Supreme Court ruling;
 1-27 and

1-28 WHEREAS, Many Texas residents have held title to this land
 1-29 for generations, and they have been paying property taxes on the
 1-30 land while cultivating and maintaining it; the boundary between the
 1-31 states was settled in 2000 for legal jurisdiction, when the U.S.
 1-32 Congress ratified the compact, but now, confusion over the boundary
 1-33 threatens the value of this privately owned land and makes it
 1-34 difficult for property owners to make informed decisions concerning
 1-35 its disposition and their livelihoods; and

1-36 WHEREAS, Private property rights are the bedrock of a free
 1-37 society, and the actions of the Bureau of Land Management with
 1-38 regard to land covered by the Red River Boundary Compact are an
 1-39 egregious example of federal overreach; now, therefore, be it

1-40 RESOLVED, That the 85th Legislature of the State of Texas
 1-41 hereby respectfully urge the United States Congress to direct the
 1-42 Bureau of Land Management to affirm the provisions of the Red River
 1-43 Boundary Compact and to acknowledge that the vegetation line on the
 1-44 south bank of the Red River forms the boundary between Oklahoma and
 1-45 Texas; and, be it further

1-46 RESOLVED, That the Texas secretary of state forward official
 1-47 copies of this resolution to the president of the United States, to
 1-48 the secretary of the United States Department of the Interior, to
 1-49 the director of the United States Bureau of Land Management, to the
 1-50 president of the Senate and the speaker of the House of
 1-51 Representatives of the United States Congress, and to all the
 1-52 members of the Texas delegation to Congress with the request that
 1-53 this resolution be entered in the Congressional Record as a
 1-54 memorial to the Congress of the United States of America.

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