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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1           WHEREAS, The costly and wrenching destruction of Hurricane  
2 Harvey demonstrates the importance of moving forward with planning  
3 and constructing flood mitigation projects on a coordinated and  
4 collaborative basis; and

5           WHEREAS, In *Eye of the Storm*, the November 2018 report of the  
6 Governor's Commission to Rebuild Texas, the Governor's Commission  
7 notes that to "future-proof" Texas against future flood events, the  
8 structure of a state-local partnership for flood mitigation  
9 projects needs to be well-planned and widely accepted by  
10 stakeholders; and

11           WHEREAS, To ensure that state and local partnerships for  
12 flood mitigation projects have widespread support, the Governor's  
13 Commission proposes a study committee to examine the need for and  
14 possible structure of a state-local partnership; the committee's  
15 examination would include how such partnerships could promote  
16 planning on a watershed basis; the committee would also study flood  
17 control infrastructure in general, including dams, levees,  
18 reservoirs, floodgates, and storm drains; and

19           WHEREAS, Flood events are both costly and devastating to the  
20 state and its citizens, and every means to combat them should be  
21 explored; now, therefore, be it

22           RESOLVED, That the 86th Legislature of the State of Texas  
23 hereby request the lieutenant governor and the speaker of the house  
24 of representatives to create a joint interim committee to study the

1 use of state and local partnerships and flood control  
2 infrastructure in general to help future-proof Texas against future  
3 flood events on a watershed basis; and, be it further

4       RESOLVED, That the committee be composed of the following  
5 members: the chair of the House Natural Resources Committee and the  
6 chair of the Senate Committee on Water and Rural Affairs and two  
7 members of the senate appointed by the lieutenant governor and two  
8 members of the house of representatives appointed by the speaker of  
9 the house; and, be it further

10       RESOLVED, That the committee submit a full report, including  
11 findings and recommendations, to the legislature and the governor  
12 by November 1, 2020; and, be it further

13       RESOLVED, That the committee's proceedings and operations be  
14 governed by such general rules and policies for interim committees  
15 as the 86th Texas Legislature may adopt.