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SENATE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is directed by Article IV, Section 12, of the Texas Constitution to advise the Governor regarding potential appointments and to confirm or refuse to confirm the nominees; and

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas conscientiously endeavors to exercise effectively its duty to advise the Governor; and

WHEREAS, In order to pursue its task assigned under Article IV, Section 12, of the Texas Constitution, the Senate of the State of Texas declares its intention to adopt a policy, consistent with this Resolution, by which to guide the Governor of the State of Texas; and

WHEREAS, The citizens of Texas, being men and women of a variety of racial, ethnic, and religious backgrounds, young and old, vigorous and disabled, retain the essential right to fair and equal representation by the governing bodies of the great institutions of this state; and

WHEREAS, Each person who seeks to fulfill his or her obligations as a concerned citizen of this state is entitled to the opportunity to share in the responsibility of participation at every level of state government; and

WHEREAS, The recognition of Texas as a state firm in its commitment to the principles of democracy requires the equitable distribution of appointments among the diverse citizenry; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 71st Legislature of the State of Texas, in considering for confirmation to any position an individual nominated by the Governor, review prior appointments to similar positions and examine them for the extent to which they represent the racial and ethnic composition and the geographic and economic diversity of the state; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, in performing its duty to confirm or refuse to confirm nominees, strive to achieve the most inclusive representation on each board or in each agency or other political subdivision of the state which is reasonable and necessary to promote unity and goodwill among all of the citizens of Texas.