HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, It is vitally important that our buildings be structurally sound, and the United States enjoys the highest level of building safety in the world, thanks to code enforcement; and

WHEREAS, The International Code Council, in partnership with building safety and fire officials, architects, engineers, and the construction industry, develops and enforces the codes that safeguard us in our homes, at school, and at work; these codes protect us from such dangerous situations as snowstorms in the North, hurricanes in the Southeast, tornadoes in the Midwest, forest fires in the Southwest, and earthquakes on the West Coast; and

WHEREAS, Building safety and fire officials play a vital role in ensuring the safety of our critical infrastructure; in addition to monitoring compliance with codes, they work with individuals to address a wide range of building safety concerns, from preventing mold in homes to minimizing the impact of the West Nile virus in communities; and

WHEREAS, The International Code Council is sponsoring Building Safety Week 2003, with the theme "Safe Buildings Save Lives"; this special observance provides an opportune time to promote public awareness of building safety and of the life safety services provided by local and state building departments, as well as by federal agencies; and

WHEREAS, Nationwide, the safety and security of citizens has

- 1 been improved, and countless lives have been saved, because of the
- 2 adoption and enforcement of construction codes by local and state
- 3 agencies; now, therefore, be it
- 4 RESOLVED, That the 78th Legislature of the State of Texas
- 5 hereby recognize April 6-12, 2003, as Building Safety Week in Texas
- 6 and encourage all Texans to consider projects to improve building
- 7 safety both at home and in their communities.

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President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 155 was adopted by the House on March 27, 2003, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 155 was adopted by the Senate on March 31, 2003, by a viva-voce vote.

Secretary of the Senate

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