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In Support Of San Jacinto River Water Quality Protection Area

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WHEREAS, the North Houston Association represents major employers, land owners, developers, professional firms and financial and commercial institutions and is dedicated to improving the quality of life in the north Houston area; and

WHEREAS, the North Houston Association endorses legislation relating to a Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) water quality protection area pilot program applicable to the San Jacinto River and providing penalties for protection enforcement.

WHEREAS, currently there is no state law that protects Texas' rivers from the mining of sand or other aggregates; and

WHEREAS, the San Jacinto River, in 2006, was named one of the nation's most endangered rivers by American Rivers, a national non-profit river conservation group; and

WHEREAS, the mining operations on the San Jacinto River are affecting not only the flow of the river, but are placing at risk the drinking water supply for the City of Houston and surrounding communities.

WHEREAS, a TCEQ program should address the serious issues resulting from such mining operations, including erosion of quarry walls and banks into the surface waters and related water quality considerations, potential effects on areas subject to frequent flooding and related risks to public safety and property, control of surface water drainage and water accumulation to prevent erosion, siltation, or runoff and damage to public or private property; and

WHEREAS, the TCEQ program should address and establish performance criteria and requirements related to closure of a quarry, after quarry activities have ended, consistent with best management standards and practices adopted by TCEQ for quarry stabilization and reuse, which includes soil stabilization and compacting, grading, erosion control measures, removal of waste, debris, and structures, and revegetation.

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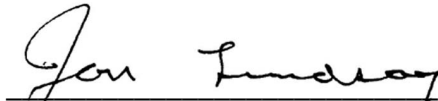
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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the North Houston Association that the members of the Texas Legislature support legislation regarding the San Jacinto River Quality Protection Area.

ADOPTED, this 10th day of November, 2010.



Mark Froehlich
Chairman of the Board



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