

RESOLUTION _____

WHEREAS, since 1791 the Bill of Rights remains the single most powerful legal assertion of individual rights and liberties ever written and is one of the most important documents in American history;

WHEREAS, in 2007, the Texas Legislature passed H.C.R. 111 in support of the Bill of Rights Plaza project, a commemorative structure to honor the Bill of Rights which would redesign the existing plaza in front of the Texas Supreme Court, directly adjacent to the State Capitol;

WHEREAS, the stakeholders from the Texas Facilities Commission and their tenants, the Supreme Court and Court of Criminal Appeals, are in agreement and would like to move forward on the development of the Bill of Right Plaza;

WHEREAS, no public funds will be used for the design and construction of the Bill of Rights Plaza;

WHEREAS, the Capitol grounds and adjacent state properties display statues, memorials, and commemorations of people, ideals, and events that demonstrate our country's dedication to the values established by the Bill of Rights, but there is no tribute to the document itself;

WHEREAS, the Bill of Rights Plaza project is a worthwhile addition to the area around the Capitol and will convey to visitors a sense of history and the faith in human liberty symbolized by the Bill of Rights; **NOW THEREFORE**,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

That the Austin City Council joins the members of the Texas Legislature in support of the Bill of Rights Plaza project.

ADOPTED: _____, 2009

ATTEST: _____

Shirley A. Gentry
City Clerk