

RESOLUTION NO. 2007R12206

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION URGING CONGRESSIONAL ENACTMENT OF A FREEZE ON CURRENT SUBPRIME MORTGAGE INTEREST RATES AND A MORATORIUM ON HOME FORECLOSURES TO PREVENT MANY HOMEOWNERS THROUGHOUT CAMERON COUNTY AND THE REST OF THE NATION FROM LOSING THEIR HOMES AS WELL AS TO PROTECT THE FINANCIAL SERVICES SECTOR FROM A POTENTIAL BANKING CRISIS.

WHEREAS, a financial crisis involving home mortgages, debt instruments and the United States banking system threatens economic stability; and

WHEREAS, the financial crisis threatens the integrity of federal and chartered banks such that consumer deposits and life savings are jeopardized; and

WHEREAS, financial investments and home ownership is the fabric of economic stability and the stability of financial institutions; and

WHEREAS, millions of Americans, thousands of Texans and hundreds of Cameron County residents are facing foreclosures on their homes; and

WHEREAS, historically the federal government has intervened to protect financial institutions and home ownership and to provide guarantees of social and economic stability;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that Cameron County Commissioners' Court calls upon The United States Congress to take emergency action to protect homeowners by enacting emergency legislation to protect homeowners and the financial services industry by specifically:

(1) Establishing a federal agency to place Federal and State chartered banks under protection, freezing all existing home mortgages for a period of time, adjusting mortgage values to fair prices, restructuring existing mortgages at appropriate interest rates and writing off speculative debt obligations of mortgage-backed securities, financial derivatives and other forms of financial pyramid schemes that have brought the banking system to the point of bankruptcy;

(2) Declare a moratorium on all home foreclosures for the duration of the transitional period, allowing families to retain their homes;

(3) Require affordable monthly home mortgage payments, the equivalent of "rental payments," to be made to designated banks for use as collateral in normal lending

practices for recapitalization of the banking industry and to factor such affordable payments into new mortgages thereby deflating the housing bubble, establishing appropriate property valuation and reducing fixed mortgage interest rates;

(4) Provide an interim period during which homeowners may not be evicted from their homes and protection to banks pending the resumption of traditional banking functions, including serving local communities and facilitating credit for investment in productive entities; and

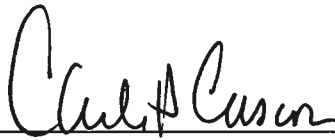
(5) Authorize state governors to administer the implementation of programs, including provisions for "rental" assessments payable to specific banks and with provisions for necessary federal guarantees and credits to assure successful transition.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution serve as notice that the Cameron County Commissioners' Court has been, is, and shall be vigilant as guardians of the public interest of the citizens of Cameron County in all matters to the extent legally feasible and possible.

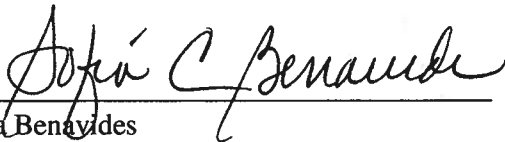
BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Cameron County Commissioners' Court will forward a copy of the adopted resolution to members of the United States Senate and the House of Representatives.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Cameron County Commissioners' Court this 11th day of December, 2007

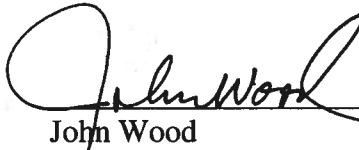
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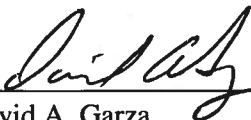
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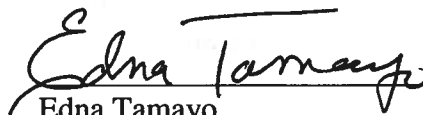
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