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The Dallas Chamber of Commerce has asked the state to buy the Texas School Book Depository Building so it will be maintained "with dignity" and not become a commercial tourist attraction.

The chamber board of directors unanimously passed a resolution asking the Legislature to give the existing John F. Kennedy Memorial Commission power of eminent domain and funds to buy the building. The commission, a state agency, passed a similar resolution two months ago.

State Sen. Mike McKool, sponsor of the legislation creating the commission, appeared before the chamber directors and urged that the resolution be adopted.

Copies of the resolution were sent to Gov. Preston Smith, Lt. Gov. Ben Barnes, Speaker of the House Gus Mutscher and all Dallas County representatives and senators.

The Legislature must appropriate money to buy and maintain the building and give the commission power of eminent domain to force the owner to sell the building.

Such approval could come in the next regular session in 1973 or in a special session before that if Gov. Preston Smith recommends that the Legislature act on the matter.

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