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S.C.R. No. 1

1 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Transnational cartels are exploiting weak and
3 unsecure points along the United States Southern Border to expand
4 their criminal enterprises and terrorize Americans; and

5 WHEREAS, 379 million deadly doses of fentanyl were seized by
6 U.S. authorities in 2022, enough to kill every American man, woman,
7 and child; and

8 WHEREAS, The State of Texas is charged with protecting its
9 citizens and is empowered to defend itself against invasion under
10 Article 1, Section 10 of the United States Constitution;

11 WHEREAS, Article IV, Section 7 of the Texas Constitution
12 states that the Governor of Texas "shall be Commander-in-Chief of
13 the military forces of the State" and has the power to organize
14 armed forces to "repel invasions"; and

15 WHEREAS, The United States Federal Government is charged, in
16 the United States Constitution, to "provide for the common defense"
17 and protect its States "against invasion" under the Preamble and
18 Article IV, Section 4, respectively; and

19 WHEREAS, The State of Texas has spent \$4 billion on border
20 initiatives in the 2021-2022 biennium, investing in
21 state-of-the-art detection equipment, a border wall, and calling up
22 tens of thousands of members of National and State Guard units;

23 WHEREAS, Operation Lone Star's multi-agency effort has led to
24 over 352,000 illegal immigrant apprehensions and more than 23,000

1 criminal arrests; and

2 WHEREAS, Both human and drug trafficking by transnational
3 cartels have created a security threat and humanitarian disaster by
4 terrorizing residents of the United States and the State of Texas;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Four United States citizens were kidnapped by a
7 cartel abroad in early March, two of them brutally murdered.
8 Unfortunately, the tragic incident was not isolated, and violence
9 permeates any area these transnational cartels inhabit; and

10 WHEREAS, The continual violation of Texas's sovereignty and
11 territorial integrity has resulted in reports of residents of Texas
12 being assaulted, threatened with violence, and robbed; now,
13 therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the 88th Legislature of the State of Texas
15 hereby declare an invasion by transnational cartel terrorists under
16 Article 1, Section 10 of the United States Constitution and Article
17 IV, Section 7 of the Texas Constitution; and, be it further

18 RESOLVED, That the Legislature ask Governor Abbott to
19 accelerate the construction of a wall along the Southern Border,
20 utilizing Eminent Domain where necessary, to prevent the entrance
21 of transnational cartels into the state; and, be it further

22 RESOLVED, That the Legislature demand that the U.S. Congress
23 recognize its obligation under the U.S. Constitution to "provide
24 for the common defense" by voting to deploy U.S. military forces to
25 combat transnational cartels; and, be it further

26 RESOLVED, That the Legislature demand that the federal
27 government allocate more financial support to Texas' border

1 security wall and reimburse Texas for past expenditures on security
2 efforts to repel invaders at its Southern Border; and, be it further

3 RESOLVED, That the Texas Secretary of State forward official
4 copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, to
5 the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of
6 Representatives of the United States Congress, and to all members
7 of the Texas delegation to Congress with the request that this
8 resolution be officially entered in the Congressional Record as a
9 memorial to the Congress of the United States of America.