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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Federal law protects firearms manufacturers and
2 dealers from being held liable when crimes have been committed with
3 their products; and

4 WHEREAS, The foundational premise of American law is that
5 victims of harm may seek redress in court against wrongdoers, and,
6 in every state, a business or an individual can be sued for
7 negligence when their conduct lacks reasonable care that
8 foreseeably results in harm to others; and

9 WHEREAS, There were more than 4,000 gun-related deaths in
10 Texas in 2020 and gun violence in Texas costs \$16.6 billion dollars
11 per year; and

12 WHEREAS, More guns are purchased in Texas than in any other
13 state, and Texans purchased more than 1.6 million guns in 2021,
14 about one gun for every 14 adults in the state; and

15 WHEREAS, Texas also leads the United States in the number of
16 firearm mortalities, from 1999-2020, 4,090 Texas children died from
17 gun-related injuries; and

18 WHEREAS, Texas also leads the Nation in mass shootings; and

19 WHEREAS, On May 24, 2022, 19 school children and two teachers
20 were murdered during the attack on Robb Elementary in Uvalde Texas
21 using a weapon manufactured by Daniel Defense; and

22 WHEREAS, Gun manufacturers like Daniel's Defense advertise
23 their product to children and young men using incendiary marketing

1 that appeal to consumers based on hyper-masculinity, sexuality, and
2 militarism; and

3 WHEREAS, Like many other firearms companies, Daniel Defense
4 also sought placement of its products in movies and video games, and
5 Daniel Defense took special pride in alerting its followers to the
6 appearance of one of its DDM4 V7 rifles in the new Call of Duty:
7 Modern Warfare game, and this is the same weapon used by the
8 attacker on Robb Elementary; and

9 WHEREAS, In 2022 gun industry trade show in Las Vegas Weel
10 Tactical used cartoons to market JR-15s (Junior AR-15s) to kids and
11 customers flocked to its booth, and the company was named on some
12 "best of" show lists; and

13 WHEREAS, Six of the nine deadliest mass shootings in the
14 United States since 2018 were by people who were 21 or younger, and
15 these perpetrators fit in a critical age range - roughly 15 to 25 -
16 that law enforcement officials, researchers and policy experts
17 consider a hazardous crossroads for young men, a period when they
18 are in the throes of developmental changes and societal pressures
19 that can turn them toward violence in general, and, in the rarest
20 cases, mass shootings; and

21 WHEREAS, Horrible gun-violence tragedies will continue as
22 long as gun manufacturers and gun dealers are not held accountable
23 for their irresponsible marketing and dangerous advertisements
24 that, in part, lead to some of the worst gun-related tragedies that
25 this State has endured since its inception; now, therefore, be it

26 RESOLVED, That the 88th Legislature of the State of Texas,
27 hereby respectfully urge the Congress of the United States to

1 repeal the Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act (PLCAA); and,
2 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 the
7 members of the Texas delegation to Congress with the request that
8 this resolution be entered in the Congressional Record as a
9 memorial.