

1-1 By: Creighton S.C.R. No. 29
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 10, 2023; March 16, 2023, read
 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Border Security;
 1-4 May 10, 2023, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 3,
 1-5 Nays 2; May 10, 2023, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-7 Birdwell	X			
1-8 Flores	X			
1-9 Blanco		X		
1-10 Hinojosa		X		
1-11 King	X			

1-13 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1-14 WHEREAS, Transnational cartels are exploiting weak and
 1-15 unsecure points along the United States Southern Border to expand
 1-16 their criminal enterprises and terrorize Americans; and

1-17 WHEREAS, 379 million deadly doses of fentanyl were seized by
 1-18 U.S. authorities in 2022, enough to kill every American man, woman,
 1-19 and child; and

1-20 WHEREAS, The State of Texas is charged with protecting its
 1-21 citizens and is empowered to defend itself against invasion under
 1-22 Article 1, Section 10 of the United States Constitution; and

1-23 WHEREAS, Article IV, Section 7 of the Texas Constitution
 1-24 states that the Governor of Texas "shall be Commander-in-Chief of
 1-25 the military forces of the State" and has the power to organize
 1-26 armed forces to "repel invasions"; and

1-27 WHEREAS, The United States Federal Government is charged, in
 1-28 the United States Constitution, to "provide for the common defense"
 1-29 and protect its States "against invasion" under the Preamble and
 1-30 Article IV, Section 4, respectively; and

1-31 WHEREAS, The State of Texas has spent \$4 billion on border
 1-32 initiatives in the 2021-2022 biennium, investing in
 1-33 state-of-the-art detection equipment, a border wall, and calling up
 1-34 tens of thousands of members of National and State Guard units; and

1-35 WHEREAS, Operation Lone Star's multi-agency effort has led to
 1-36 over 352,000 illegal immigrant apprehensions and more than 23,000
 1-37 criminal arrests; and

1-38 WHEREAS, Both human and drug trafficking by transnational
 1-39 cartels have created a security threat and humanitarian disaster by
 1-40 terrorizing residents of the United States and the State of Texas;
 1-41 and

1-42 WHEREAS, Four United States citizens were kidnapped by a
 1-43 cartel abroad in early March, two of them brutally murdered.
 1-44 Unfortunately, the tragic incident was not isolated, and violence
 1-45 permeates any area these transnational cartels inhabit; and

1-46 WHEREAS, The continual violation of Texas' sovereignty and
 1-47 territorial integrity has resulted in reports of residents of Texas
 1-48 being assaulted, threatened with violence, and robbed; now,
 1-49 therefore, be it

1-50 RESOLVED, That the 88th Legislature of the State of Texas
 1-51 hereby declare an invasion by transnational cartel terrorists under
 1-52 Article 1, Section 10 of the United States Constitution and Article
 1-53 IV, Section 7 of the Texas Constitution; and, be it further

1-54 RESOLVED, That the Legislature ask Governor Abbott to
 1-55 accelerate the construction of a wall along the Southern Border,
 1-56 utilizing Eminent Domain where necessary, to prevent the entrance
 1-57 of transnational cartels into the state; and, be it further

1-58 RESOLVED, That the Legislature demand that the U.S. Congress
 1-59 recognize its obligation under the U.S. Constitution to "provide
 1-60 for the common defense" by voting to deploy U.S. military forces to
 1-61 combat transnational cartels; and, be it further

1-62 RESOLVED, That the Legislature demand that the federal

2-1 government allocate more financial support to Texas' border
2-2 security wall and reimburse Texas for past expenditures on security
2-3 efforts to repel invaders at its Southern Border; and, be it further
2-4 RESOLVED, That the Texas Secretary of State forward official
2-5 copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, to
2-6 the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of
2-7 Representatives of the United States Congress, and to all members
2-8 of the Texas delegation to Congress with the request that this
2-9 resolution be officially entered in the Congressional Record as a
2-10 memorial to the Congress of the United States of America.

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