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H.C.R. No. 13

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The citizens of the State of Texas have the right to  
2 know if wasteful government spending on taxpayer-funded  
3 experiments on bats and humanized mice caused the death of over  
4 1 million Americans and over 6.6 million people worldwide; and

5 WHEREAS, The United States Congress has a duty to the  
6 citizens of the State of Texas to promote the general welfare, and  
7 the President of the United States has a duty to ensure that the  
8 laws of the United States be faithfully executed; and

9 WHEREAS, It is well documented that pathogens contained in  
10 highly secure laboratories around the world, including SARS viruses  
11 in China, have breached containment with deadly consequences on  
12 many occasions; and

13 WHEREAS, The U.S. National Institutes of Health has confirmed  
14 that, between 2014 and 2019, it sent approximately \$600,000 of  
15 taxpayers' money to the Wuhan Institute of Virology to collect  
16 coronaviruses from wild bats and manipulate them in animal  
17 experiments; and

18 WHEREAS, The U.S. State Department expressed concern in 2018  
19 about safety lapses at the Wuhan Institute of Virology and the  
20 pandemic threat posed by its bat coronavirus experiments; and

21 WHEREAS, The National Institutes of Health has confirmed that  
22 it funded gain-of-function animal experiments at the Wuhan  
23 Institute of Virology that engineered bat coronaviruses to be as  
24 much as 10,000 times stronger than their natural counterparts; and

1           WHEREAS, A U.S. Senate Committee on Health Education, Labor  
2 and Pensions report has determined "the emergence of SARS-CoV-2  
3 that resulted in the COVID-19 pandemic was most likely the result of  
4 a research-related incident"; and

5           WHEREAS, In its 2022 Annual Threat Assessment, the Office of  
6 the Director of National Intelligence declares, "One Intelligence  
7 Community element assesses with moderate confidence that the first  
8 human infection with SARS-CoV-2 most likely was the result of a  
9 laboratory-associated incident, probably involving  
10 experimentation, animal handling, or sampling by the Wuhan  
11 Institute of Virology"; and

12           WHEREAS, A growing majority of the American public believes  
13 that the COVID-19 pandemic was caused by a lab leak; now, therefore,  
14 be it

15           RESOLVED, That the 89th Legislature of the State of Texas  
16 hereby call on the federal government of the United States to:

17                   (1) conduct an unbiased and comprehensive  
18 investigation of the origins of the SARS-CoV-2 virus, including  
19 whether it resulted from a lab leak in Wuhan;

20                   (2) ensure that the investigation is conducted without  
21 influence by the government agencies and personnel involved in  
22 funding this research; and

23                   (3) issue a final report summarizing the findings of  
24 the investigation, without redaction, and make the report available  
25 to the citizens of the State of Texas in its entirety.