

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The Mexican border city of Juarez has been plagued
2 with the sexual assault and brutal slaying of over 300 women in the
3 past nine years; and

4 WHEREAS, Women continue to disappear in the Juarez area
5 almost every month; and

6 WHEREAS, Federal Bureau of Investigation experts suspect
7 that one or more serial killers are behind the killings and that at
8 least one of the killers has access to both sides of the border; and

9 WHEREAS, Some of the victims are as young as 13 years old, and
10 many of them were abducted during broad daylight in well-populated
11 areas; and

12 WHEREAS, A number of the victims were Texas residents; and

13 WHEREAS, These killings have brought pain and frustration to
14 the El Paso-Juarez area as the victims' friends and families on both
15 sides of the border struggle to cope with the loss of their loved
16 ones; and

17 WHEREAS, The United States Department of State blames the
18 limited progress in solving the crimes on police incompetence,
19 prosecutorial ineptitude, and a lack of investigative resources;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, The attention paid to the murders by the local
22 authorities appears to be minimal, as tangible evidence, including
23 the victims' clothing, shoes, and hair, has been found at the scenes
24 of the killings months later; and

1 WHEREAS, The Federal Bureau of Investigation must be allowed
2 to maintain a physical presence in Juarez in order to assist in
3 solving these horrendous crimes; and

4 WHEREAS, Direct and personal involvement by Federal Bureau of
5 Investigation agents, especially in the collection of evidence, is
6 crucial to the expeditious solving of these murders; now,
7 therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the 78th Legislature of the State of Texas
9 hereby request that the Federal Bureau of Investigation offer to
10 continue to be directly involved in assisting the Mexican law
11 enforcement authorities in their investigation of the brutal
12 murders of women in Juarez, Mexico, in order to put an end to the
13 violence and bring justice to the families and friends of the
14 victims; and, be it further

15 RESOLVED, That the Texas secretary of state forward official
16 copies of this resolution to the director of the Federal Bureau of
17 Investigation, the attorney general of the United States, the
18 United States secretary of state, and the president of the United
19 States.

Chavez
Reyna
Luna
Thompson
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President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 59 was adopted by the House on April 29, 2003, by a non-record vote; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.C.R. No. 59 on May 28, 2003, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 59 was adopted by the Senate, as amended, on May 27, 2003, by a viva-voce vote.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor