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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 be directly  
10 involved in assisting the Mexican law enforcement authorities in  
11 their investigation of the brutal murders of women in Juarez,  
12 Mexico, in order to put an end to the violence and bring justice to  
13 the families and friends of the victims; and, be it further

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