

1-1 By: Chavez, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Shapleigh) H.C.R. No. 59
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 30, 2003;
1-3 May 7, 2003, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 International Relations and Trade; May 19, 2003, reported
1-5 adversely, with favorable Committee Substitute by the following
1-6 vote: Yeas 4, Nays 0; May 19, 2003, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.C.R. No. 59 By: Estes

1-8 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1-9 WHEREAS, The Mexican border city of Juarez has been plagued
1-10 with the sexual assault and brutal slaying of over 300 women in the
1-11 past nine years; and

1-12 WHEREAS, Women continue to disappear in the Juarez area
1-13 almost every month; and

1-14 WHEREAS, Federal Bureau of Investigation experts suspect
1-15 that one or more serial killers are behind the killings and that at
1-16 least one of the killers has access to both sides of the border; and

1-17 WHEREAS, Some of the victims are as young as 13 years old, and
1-18 many of them were abducted during broad daylight in well-populated
1-19 areas; and

1-20 WHEREAS, A number of the victims were Texas residents; and

1-21 WHEREAS, These killings have brought pain and frustration to
1-22 the El Paso-Juarez area as the victims' friends and families on both
1-23 sides of the border struggle to cope with the loss of their loved
1-24 ones; and

1-25 WHEREAS, The United States Department of State blames the
1-26 limited progress in solving the crimes on police incompetence,
1-27 prosecutorial ineptitude, and a lack of investigative resources;
1-28 and

1-29 WHEREAS, The attention paid to the murders by the local
1-30 authorities appears to be minimal, as tangible evidence, including
1-31 the victims' clothing, shoes, and hair, has been found at the scenes
1-32 of the killings months later; and

1-33 WHEREAS, The Federal Bureau of Investigation must be allowed
1-34 to maintain a physical presence in Juarez in order to assist in
1-35 solving these horrendous crimes; and

1-36 WHEREAS, Direct and personal involvement by Federal Bureau of
1-37 Investigation agents, especially in the collection of evidence, is
1-38 crucial to the expeditious solving of these murders; now,
1-39 therefore, be it

1-40 RESOLVED, That the 78th Legislature of the State of Texas
1-41 hereby request that the Federal Bureau of Investigation offer to
1-42 continue to be directly involved in assisting the Mexican law
1-43 enforcement authorities in their investigation of the brutal
1-44 murders of women in Juarez, Mexico, in order to put an end to the
1-45 violence and bring justice to the families and friends of the
1-46 victims; and, be it further

1-47 RESOLVED, That the Texas secretary of state forward official
1-48 copies of this resolution to the director of the Federal Bureau of
1-49 Investigation, the attorney general of the United States, the
1-50 United States secretary of state, and the president of the United
1-51 States.

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