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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 1 2 WHEREAS, The Mexican border city of Juarez has been plaqued 3 with the sexual assault and brutal slaying of over 300 women in the 4 past nine years; and WHEREAS, Women continue to disappear in the Juarez area 5 6 almost every month; and 7 WHEREAS, Federal Bureau of Investigation experts suspect 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 10 WHEREAS, Some of the victims are as young as 13 years old, and many of them were abducted during broad daylight in well-populated 11 12 areas; and 13 WHEREAS, A number of the victims were Texas residents; and 14 WHEREAS, These killings have brought pain and frustration to 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 17 ones; and WHEREAS, The United States Department of State blames the 18 19 limited progress in solving the crimes on police incompetence, prosecutorial ineptitude, and a lack of investigative resources; 20 21 and 22 WHEREAS, The attention paid to the murders by the local 23 authorities appears to be minimal, as tangible evidence, including 24 the victims' clothing, shoes, and hair, has been found at the scenes

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1 of the killings months later; and

2 WHEREAS, The Federal Bureau of Investigation must be allowed 3 to maintain a physical presence in Juarez in order to assist in 4 solving these horrendous crimes; and

5 WHEREAS, Direct and personal involvement by Federal Bureau of 6 Investigation agents, especially in the collection of evidence, is 7 crucial to the expeditious solving of these murders; now, 8 therefore, be it

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

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

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