

1-1 By: Shapleigh S.C.R. No. 7
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1-6 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1-7 WHEREAS, The Mexican border city of Juarez has been plagued
1-8 with the sexual assault and brutal slaying of over 300 women in the
1-9 past nine years; and

1-10 WHEREAS, Women continue to disappear in the Juarez area
1-11 almost every month; and

1-12 WHEREAS, Federal Bureau of Investigation experts suspect
1-13 that one or more serial killers are behind the killings and that at
1-14 least one of the killers has access to both sides of the border; and

1-15 WHEREAS, Some of the victims are as young as 13 years old, and
1-16 many of them were abducted during broad daylight in well-populated
1-17 areas; and

1-18 WHEREAS, A number of the victims were Texas residents; and

1-19 WHEREAS, These killings have brought pain and frustration to
1-20 the El Paso-Juarez area as the victims' friends and families on both
1-21 sides of the border struggle to cope with the loss of their loved
1-22 ones; and

1-23 WHEREAS, The United States Department of State blames the
1-24 limited progress in solving the crimes on police incompetence,
1-25 prosecutorial ineptitude, and a lack of investigative resources;
1-26 and

1-27 WHEREAS, The attention paid to the murders by the local
1-28 authorities appears to be minimal, as tangible evidence, including
1-29 the victims' clothing, shoes, and hair, has been found at the scenes
1-30 of the killings months later; and

1-31 WHEREAS, The Federal Bureau of Investigation must be allowed
1-32 to maintain a physical presence in Juarez in order to assist in
1-33 solving these horrendous crimes; and

1-34 WHEREAS, Direct and personal involvement by Federal Bureau of
1-35 Investigation agents, especially in the collection of evidence, is
1-36 crucial to the expeditious solving of these murders; now,
1-37 therefore, be it

1-38 RESOLVED, That the 78th Legislature of the State of Texas
1-39 hereby request that the Federal Bureau of Investigation be directly
1-40 involved in assisting the Mexican law enforcement authorities in
1-41 their investigation of the brutal murders of women in Juarez,
1-42 Mexico, in order to put an end to the violence and bring justice to
1-43 the families and friends of the victims; and, be it further

1-44 RESOLVED, That the Texas secretary of state forward official
1-45 copies of this resolution to the director of the Federal Bureau of
1-46 Investigation, the attorney general of the United States, the
1-47 United States secretary of state, and the president of the United
1-48 States.

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