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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing is a
2 global problem with serious economic, environmental, and security
3 implications; and

4 WHEREAS, Worldwide, illegal fishing accounts for economic
5 losses of up to \$23 billion per year; such activity is largely
6 conducted by foreign fleets at the expense of United States
7 fishermen, coastal communities, and the sustainability of global
8 fish stocks; and

9 WHEREAS, Illegal fishing is of particular consequence in
10 Texas, where the Gulf Coast waters supply seafood for the American
11 public and support the hospitality industry, tourism-related
12 businesses, and vibrant recreational fishing; not only does illegal
13 fishing result in economic losses to the Texas fishing industry and
14 other coastal businesses, but it also threatens the sustainability
15 of our fisheries and the Texas Gulf Coast ecosystem; and

16 WHEREAS, Vessels involved with illegal fishing are
17 associated with other crimes as well, including drug trafficking,
18 human trafficking, and illegal immigration, and the incursion by
19 these foreign fishing vessels into U.S. waters constitutes a
20 violation of our sovereignty; now, therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
22 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby express its commitment to
23 the elimination of illegal fishing, to the long-term conservation
24 of Texas marine resources, and to the protection of the Texas Gulf

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1 Coast fishing and coastal communities.