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1 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

- 2 WHEREAS, It is the responsibility of the federal government
- 3 to fully maintain the security of the Texas-Mexico international
- 4 border; and
- 5 WHEREAS, The federal government has neglected its duty to
- 6 fully maintain the security of the Texas-Mexico international
- 7 border; and
- 8 WHEREAS, An unprotected border facilitates drug smuggling
- 9 and human trafficking and opens the door to spillover violence from
- 10 criminal cartels; moreover, the ease with which members of
- 11 terrorist organizations can enter the country poses a grave threat
- 12 to homeland security; and
- WHEREAS, The federal government's failure to prevent illegal
- 14 entry has shifted much of the responsibility to the State of Texas;
- 15 consequently, budget writers must weigh the costs of border
- 16 security against the expense of other state services; during the
- 17 2012-2013 budget cycle, Texas appropriated \$221,600,000 for border
- 18 security operations; and
- 19 WHEREAS, The executive branch and the United States Congress
- 20 have consistently delayed meaningful action on border security,
- 21 forcing Texas to expend significant resources to keep the
- 22 Texas-Mexico international border secure and placing an undue
- 23 burden on the state's taxpayers; now, therefore, be it
- 24 RESOLVED, That the 83rd Legislature of the State of Texas

- 1 hereby express its dissatisfaction with the federal government's
- 2 inadequate efforts to secure the Texas-Mexico international
- 3 border; and, be it further
- 4 RESOLVED, That the 83rd Legislature of the State of Texas
- 5 hereby respectfully urge the Congress of the United States to
- 6 reimburse the State of Texas in the amount of \$221,600,000 for
- 7 bearing the financial burden of the federal government's
- 8 responsibility to secure the Texas-Mexico international border
- 9 during the 2012-2013 budget cycle; and, be it further
- 10 RESOLVED, That the Texas secretary of state forward official
- 11 copies of this resolution to the president of the United States, to
- 12 the speaker of the house of representatives and to the president of
- 13 the senate of the United States Congress, and to all the members of
- 14 the Texas delegation to Congress with the request that this
- 15 resolution be entered in the Congressional Record as a memorial to
- 16 the Congress of the United States of America.