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Substitute the following for H.C.R. No. 103:

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#### HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Since 1994, the North American Free Trade Agreement  
2 has transformed economic relations among the United States, Mexico,  
3 and Canada; and

4 WHEREAS, The accord has driven unprecedented integration  
5 among the economies, helping to more than triple regional trade and  
6 encouraging a dramatic rise in cross-border investment; economists  
7 largely agree that NAFTA has enhanced prosperity in all three  
8 countries, as regional trade increased sharply over the first two  
9 decades, from roughly \$290 billion in 1993 to more than \$1.1  
10 trillion in 2016; as many as 14 million U.S. jobs rely on this  
11 trade; and

12 WHEREAS, The economic effects of NAFTA on Texas are  
13 particularly profound, due to its proximity to Mexico, which is the  
14 state's top export market; in 2015, exports from Texas to Mexico  
15 totaled \$92.5 billion, and as of 2014, 382,000 Texas jobs depended  
16 on cross-border trade; moreover, the availability of lower-priced  
17 goods from Mexico has had a favorable influence on the state's cost  
18 of living; and

19 WHEREAS, The Texas economy would be negatively impacted  
20 should the United States withdraw from NAFTA; it is vital that Texas  
21 protect its economic interests; now, therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the 85th Legislature of the State of Texas  
23 hereby request the lieutenant governor and the speaker of the House  
24 of Representatives to create a joint interim committee to study the

1 impact on Texas of any proposed modifications to NAFTA being  
2 considered; and, be it further

3       RESOLVED, That the committee's proceedings and operations be  
4 governed by such general rules and policies for joint interim  
5 committees as the 85th Legislature may adopt.