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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Polls show that a majority of Americans support
2 stricter gun laws, including universal background checks,
3 mandatory waiting periods for gun purchases, and a ban on the sale
4 of assault weapons and high-capacity magazines; and

5 WHEREAS, A 2018 national poll found that 67 percent of
6 Americans support a nationwide ban on the sale of assault weapons,
7 which are weapons with military features that enable shooters to
8 spray large amounts of ammunition quickly; semiautomatic rifles
9 with a detachable magazine and a pistol grip are among the assault
10 weapons that two-thirds of Americans believe should be banned from
11 sale; and

12 WHEREAS, National polling also indicates that 53 percent of
13 Americans support a ban on the sale of high-capacity magazines; a
14 majority of Americans are aware that when high-capacity magazines
15 are used to give a mass shooter more rounds of ammunition, deaths
16 and injuries rise sharply; an investigation into mass shootings in
17 the United States found that high-capacity magazines were used in
18 half of the shootings between 1982 and 2012; and

19 WHEREAS, The high level of support for universal background
20 checks reflects concern about the "gun show loophole" that allows
21 as many as 40 percent of all gun sales to be completed without a
22 background check of the gun buyer; polls show that 97 percent of
23 Americans and 97 percent of gun owners support universal background
24 checks; and

1 WHEREAS, National polls also show a high level of support for
2 mandatory waiting periods for gun purchases; 83 percent of
3 Americans believe that a "cooling off" period between purchasing
4 and obtaining a gun would save lives; and

5 WHEREAS, Americans support an assault weapons ban and other
6 stricter gun laws because such laws would make us all safer; now,
7 therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the 86th Legislature of the State of Texas
9 hereby respectfully urge the United States Congress to pass
10 stricter gun laws, including a ban on the sale of assault weapons;
11 and, be it further

12 RESOLVED, That the Texas secretary of state forward official
13 copies of this resolution to the president of the United States, to
14 the president of the Senate and the speaker of the House of
15 Representatives of the United States Congress, and to all the
16 members of the Texas delegation to Congress with the request that
17 this resolution be entered in the Congressional Record as a
18 memorial to the Congress of the United States of America.