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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The State of Texas and the United States federal
2 government are charged with protecting 1,254 miles of land along
3 Texas' border with Mexico, a job that has become increasingly
4 violent as this state has succumbed to a foreign drug
5 cartel-facilitated invasion; and

6 WHEREAS, These foreign drug cartels bring terror to Texas
7 communities by flooding the streets with deadly narcotics, forcing
8 women and children into human and sex trafficking, enriching
9 themselves on the misery and enslavement of Texans, and butchering
10 and murdering anyone who tries to stop them; and

11 WHEREAS, In fiscal year 2021, U.S. Customs and Border
12 Protection reports over 200,000 pounds of illegal narcotics have
13 been seized from foreign drug cartels in Texas; and

14 WHEREAS, Specifically, federal seizures of fentanyl in Texas
15 have dramatically increased by more than 950 percent this fiscal
16 year; and

17 WHEREAS, In fiscal year 2021, the U.S. Border Patrol has
18 already arrested more than 7,800 noncitizens that were determined
19 to have prior criminal records; and

20 WHEREAS, The Office of the Texas Attorney General estimates
21 that there are 234,000 victims of labor trafficking and 79,000
22 victims of youth and minor sex trafficking at any given time in
23 Texas; and

24 WHEREAS, State and local law enforcement agencies are forced

1 to contend with extensive and dangerous criminal activity resulting
2 from, or associated with, foreign drug cartels, thereby putting
3 Texas law enforcement officials in danger and draining resources
4 away from protecting our communities; and

5 WHEREAS, The State of Texas has attempted to address the
6 problem by adding hundreds of commissioned law enforcement officers
7 to the border, purchasing state-of-the-art helicopters, conducting
8 border security surge operations, and paying millions of dollars
9 for overtime, training, equipment, and technology for local law
10 enforcement; and

11 WHEREAS, Law enforcement agencies working together in Texas
12 have seized billions of dollars in illegal drugs and hundreds of
13 millions in cash, along with thousands of firearms and weapons, all
14 related to the foreign drug cartel-facilitated invasion; and

15 WHEREAS, Texas has repeatedly asked the federal government to
16 send more border security resources to the state, requesting an
17 increase in manpower of border patrol agents and the deployment of
18 National Guard troops; and

19 WHEREAS, Texas prisons house thousands of violent offenders
20 that claim foreign citizenship, and the state bears the cost of
21 housing and prosecuting those offenders; and

22 WHEREAS, Texas taxpayers have spent billions compensating
23 for the lack of federal resources provided to the state; and

24 WHEREAS, The unwillingness of the federal government to
25 develop a comprehensive plan that would address this border
26 security problem puts an unfair and unreasonable burden on the
27 entire state, but in particular on Texas border communities; and

1 WHEREAS, The federal government has failed to protect the
2 State of Texas from this foreign drug cartel-facilitated invasion
3 as required by Article IV, Section 4 of the United States
4 Constitution; and

5 WHEREAS, Under Article I, Section 10 of the United States
6 Constitution, Texas is entitled as a sovereign state of the United
7 States of America to protect itself against this current foreign
8 drug cartel-facilitated invasion, which grants the State of Texas
9 the power to defend the state when the state has been invaded, or is
10 "in such imminent Danger as will not admit of delay"; now,
11 therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the 87th Legislature of the State of Texas,
13 2nd Called Session, hereby respectfully request the federal
14 government to immediately declare violent foreign drug cartels as
15 foreign terrorist organizations under Section 219 of the
16 Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1189; and, be it further

17 RESOLVED, That the Texas Legislature hereby find that foreign
18 drug cartels have facilitated an invasion of the State of Texas and
19 that the citizens of this state are in danger of irreparable harm;
20 and, be it further

21 RESOLVED, That the Texas Legislature hereby encourage the
22 Texas Military Department and all applicable state resources as
23 needed to use any and all authority under Article I, Section 10 of
24 the United States Constitution to repel this violent foreign drug
25 cartel-facilitated invasion, and that such authority should be
26 invoked as the authorization for use of military force with the
27 intention of utilizing such authority in the least lethal manner

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1 possible consistent with bringing this facilitated invasion to a
2 conclusion at the earliest possible moment.