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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Human trafficking is a serious and escalating
2 problem in the United States, particularly in Texas; and

3 WHEREAS, A multibillion-dollar business, human trafficking
4 is second only to drug dealing in criminal profitability and is the
5 fastest-growing illegal enterprise, according to the Polaris
6 Project, a Washington, D.C.-based organization that maintains the
7 National Human Trafficking Hotline; thousands of foreign nationals
8 are trafficked into the United States each year, and it is estimated
9 that the number of U.S. citizens trafficked within our own borders
10 is even higher; and

11 WHEREAS, Texas is a major point of illegal entry into the
12 United States; its large geographic size along with its
13 demographics make the Lone Star State appealing to traffickers, who
14 endeavor to blend into the population while exploiting their
15 victims in forced labor and prostitution; and

16 WHEREAS, Although Texas has been recognized as a leader in
17 the effort to end the scourge of human trafficking, eradication of
18 this modern-day form of slavery is a difficult challenge, and every
19 means of combating it should be explored; now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the 87th Legislature of the State of Texas
21 hereby request the lieutenant governor and the speaker of the house
22 of representatives to create a joint interim committee to study the
23 problem of human trafficking in Texas; and, be it further

24 RESOLVED, That the committee's proceedings and operations be

1 governed by such general rules and policies for interim committees
2 as the 87th Texas Legislature may adopt; and, be it further

3 RESOLVED, That the committee submit a full report, including
4 findings and recommendations, to the 88th Texas Legislature before
5 it convenes in January 2023.