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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Nearly 200,000 domestic violence incidents were
2 reported to the Texas Department of Public Safety in 2015 alone; and

3 WHEREAS, The Texas Council on Family Violence has estimated
4 that one in three Texans will be a victim over the course of their
5 lifetime; such violence affects people of all ages and backgrounds,
6 but over 70 percent of victims are women; in Texas, 158 women were
7 killed by an intimate partner in 2015, and of those, 108 were
8 mothers, who left 281 children behind; and

9 WHEREAS, Physical injuries are not the only effects of family
10 violence; many victims suffer from anxiety, depression, and low
11 self-esteem, and they may lean on drugs or alcohol in an attempt to
12 cope; victims may also suffer economically, missing work or losing
13 jobs because of violence or the threat of violence; and

14 WHEREAS, Children who are victims or witnesses of domestic
15 violence suffer in many ways, and they may experience a range of
16 responses, from anger or fear to an inability to sleep; some are
17 plagued by long-term emotional effects that can lead to substance
18 abuse, unhealthy adult relationships, reduced social and academic
19 skills, and increased risk of suicide; and

20 WHEREAS, The societal ills caused by domestic violence are
21 manifold, and reducing its occurrence is a matter of vital concern
22 to the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the 87th Legislature of the State of Texas
24 hereby request the lieutenant governor and the speaker of the House

1 of Representatives to provide for a joint interim study regarding
2 domestic violence; and, be it further

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