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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The State of Texas and the United States federal
2 government have 1,254 miles of land to protect along Texas' border
3 with Mexico, a job that has become increasingly violent as this
4 state has been subjected to an invasion by foreign drug cartels; and

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

10 WHEREAS, State and local law enforcement agencies are forced
11 to contend with extensive and dangerous criminal activity resulting
12 from, or associated with, foreign drug cartels, thereby putting
13 Texas law enforcement officials in danger and draining resources
14 away from protecting our communities; and

15 WHEREAS, The State of Texas has acted to address the problem
16 by adding hundreds of commissioned law enforcement officers to the
17 border, purchasing state-of-the-art helicopters, conducting border
18 security surge operations, and paying millions of dollars for
19 overtime, training, equipment, and technology for local law
20 enforcement; and

21 WHEREAS, Law enforcement agencies working together in Texas
22 have seized billions of dollars in illegal drugs and hundreds of
23 millions in cash, along with thousands of firearms and other
24 weapons, all related to the invasion of foreign drug cartels; and

1 WHEREAS, Texas has repeatedly asked the federal government to
2 send more border security resources to the state, requesting an
3 increase in manpower and authority for border patrol agents and
4 other federal personnel; and

5 WHEREAS, Texas prisons house violent offenders that claim
6 foreign citizenship, and the state bears the cost of housing and
7 prosecuting those offenders; and

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

10 WHEREAS, The federal government's failure to develop a
11 comprehensive plan to address this border security problem puts an
12 unfair and unreasonable burden on the entire state, especially on
13 Texas border communities, in violation of Article IV, Section 4 of
14 the United States Constitution; and

15 WHEREAS, Under Article I, Section 10, Clause 3 of the United
16 States Constitution, Texas is entitled as a sovereign state of the
17 United States of America to protect itself against this current
18 foreign drug cartel invasion; this constitutional authority grants
19 the State of Texas the power to defend the state when the state has
20 been invaded or is "in such imminent Danger as will not admit of
21 delay"; and

22 WHEREAS, The governor, in a letter to the president of the
23 United States on November 16, 2022, invoked the authority under
24 Article I, Section 10, Clause 3 of the U.S. Constitution, to protect
25 the State of Texas; now, therefore, be it

26 RESOLVED, That the 88th Legislature of the State of Texas,
27 3rd Called Session, hereby demand the federal government to

1 immediately declare violent foreign drug cartels as foreign
2 terrorist organizations under Section 219 of the Immigration and
3 Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1189; and, be it further

4 RESOLVED, That the Texas Legislature hereby find that the
5 State of Texas has been invaded by foreign drug cartels and that the
6 citizens of this state are in imminent danger of irreparable harm;
7 and, be it further

8 RESOLVED, That the Texas Legislature hereby encourage all
9 applicable state and local resources as needed, to use any and all
10 authority under Article I, Section 10, Clause 3 of the United States
11 Constitution to repel this violent foreign drug cartel invasion,
12 and that such authority should be invoked with the intention of
13 utilizing such authority in the most peaceful manner possible
14 consistent with bringing this invasion to a conclusion at the
15 earliest possible moment.