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S.C.R. No. 2

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Transnational cartels are exploiting weak and  
2 unsecure points along the United States Southern Border to expand  
3 their criminal enterprises and terrorize Americans; and

4 WHEREAS, 379 million deadly doses of fentanyl were seized by  
5 U.S. authorities in 2022, enough to kill every American man, woman,  
6 and child; and

7 WHEREAS, The State of Texas is charged with protecting its  
8 citizens and is empowered to defend itself against invasion under  
9 Article I, Section 10 of the United States Constitution; and

10 WHEREAS, Article IV, Section 7 of the Texas Constitution  
11 states that the Governor of Texas "shall be Commander-in-Chief of  
12 the military forces of the State" and has the power to organize  
13 armed forces to "repel invasions"; and

14 WHEREAS, The United States Federal Government is charged, in  
15 the United States Constitution, to "provide for the common defense"  
16 and protect its States "against invasion" under the Preamble and  
17 Article IV, Section 4, respectively; and

18 WHEREAS, The State of Texas has spent \$4 billion on border  
19 initiatives in the 2021-2022 biennium, investing in  
20 state-of-the-art detection equipment, a border wall, and calling up  
21 tens of thousands of members of National and State Guard units; and

22 WHEREAS, Operation Lone Star's multi-agency effort has led to  
23 over 352,000 illegal immigrant apprehensions and more than 23,000  
24 criminal arrests; and

1           WHEREAS, Both human and drug trafficking by transnational  
2 cartels have created a security threat and humanitarian disaster by  
3 terrorizing residents of the United States and the State of Texas;  
4 and

5           WHEREAS, Four United States citizens were kidnapped by a  
6 cartel abroad in early March 2023, two of them brutally murdered;  
7 unfortunately, the tragic incident was not isolated, and violence  
8 permeates any area these transnational cartels inhabit; and

9           WHEREAS, The continual violation of Texas' sovereignty and  
10 territorial integrity has resulted in reports of residents of Texas  
11 being assaulted, threatened with violence, and robbed; now,  
12 therefore, be it

13           RESOLVED, That the 88th Legislature of the State of Texas,  
14 3rd Called Session, hereby declare an invasion by transnational  
15 cartel terrorists under Article I, Section 10 of the United States  
16 Constitution and Article IV, Section 7 of the Texas Constitution;  
17 and, be it further

18           RESOLVED, That the Legislature ask Governor Abbott to  
19 accelerate the construction of a wall along the Southern Border,  
20 utilizing Eminent Domain where necessary, to prevent the entrance  
21 of transnational cartels into the state; and, be it further

22           RESOLVED, That the Legislature demand that the U.S. Congress  
23 recognize its obligation under the U.S. Constitution to "provide  
24 for the common defense" by voting to deploy U.S. military forces to  
25 combat transnational cartels; and, be it further

26           RESOLVED, That the Legislature demand that the federal  
27 government allocate more financial support to Texas' border

1 security wall and reimburse Texas for past expenditures on security  
2 efforts to repel invaders at its Southern Border; and, be it further

3       RESOLVED, That the Texas Secretary of State forward official  
4 copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, to  
5 the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of  
6 Representatives of the United States Congress, and to all members  
7 of the Texas delegation to Congress with the request that this  
8 resolution be officially entered in the Congressional Record as a  
9 memorial to the Congress of the United States of America.