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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The citizens of the State of Texas have the right to
2 know if wasteful government spending on taxpayer-funded
3 experiments on bats and humanized mice caused the death of over 1
4 million Americans and over 6.6 million people worldwide; and

5 WHEREAS, The United States Congress has a duty to the
6 citizens of the State of Texas to promote the general welfare, and
7 the President of the United States has a duty to ensure that the
8 laws of the United States be faithfully executed; and

9 WHEREAS, It is well documented that pathogens contained in
10 highly secure laboratories around the world, including SARS viruses
11 in China, have breached containment with deadly consequences on
12 many occasions; and

13 WHEREAS, The U.S. National Institutes of Health has confirmed
14 that, between 2014 and 2019, it sent approximately \$600,000 of
15 taxpayers' money to the Wuhan Institute of Virology to collect
16 coronaviruses from wild bats and manipulate them in animal
17 experiments; and

18 WHEREAS, The U.S. State Department expressed concern in 2018
19 about safety lapses at the Wuhan Institute of Virology and the
20 pandemic threat posed by its bat coronavirus experiments; and

21 WHEREAS, The National Institutes of Health has confirmed that
22 it funded gain-of-function animal experiments at the Wuhan
23 Institute of Virology that engineered bat coronaviruses to be as
24 much as 10,000 times stronger than their natural counterparts; and

1 WHEREAS, A U.S. Senate Committee on Health Education, Labor
2 and Pensions report has determined "the emergence of SARS-CoV-2
3 that resulted in the COVID-19 pandemic was most likely the result of
4 a research-related incident"; and

5 WHEREAS, In its 2022 Annual Threat Assessment, the Office of
6 the Director of National Intelligence declares, "One Intelligence
7 Community element assesses with moderate confidence that the first
8 human infection with SARS-CoV-2 most likely was the result of a
9 laboratory-associated incident, probably involving
10 experimentation, animal handling, or sampling by the Wuhan
11 Institute of Virology"; and

12 WHEREAS, A growing majority of the American public believes
13 that the COVID-19 pandemic was caused by a lab leak; now, therefore,
14 be it

15 RESOLVED, That the 88th Legislature of the State of Texas
16 hereby call on the federal government of the United States to:

17 (1) conduct an unbiased and comprehensive investigation of
18 the origins of the SARS-CoV-2 virus, including whether it resulted
19 from a lab leak in Wuhan;

20 (2) ensure that the investigation is conducted without
21 influence by the government agencies and personnel involved in
22 funding this research; and

23 (3) issue a final report summarizing the findings of the
24 investigation, without redaction, and make the report available to
25 the citizens of the State of Texas in its entirety.