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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Across Texas, the number of registered motorcycles
2 is growing at a rapid rate, and numerous motorcyclists have
3 expressed concerns regarding motorcycle profiling by law
4 enforcement officers; and

5 WHEREAS, Motorcycle profiling is the illegal use of a
6 person's motorcycle-related apparel or status as a motorcycle
7 operator as a factor in deciding to stop and question, take
8 enforcement action toward, arrest, or search a person or vehicle;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Some Texans in motorcycle clubs have been unjustly
11 stopped and arrested due to being inaccurately identified as gang
12 members in the TXGANG database, and this has recently prompted
13 several courts to raise questions about how police use the law
14 enforcement tool; and

15 WHEREAS, According to a 2022 U.S. House of Representatives
16 resolution, reported incidents of motorcycle profiling in the State
17 of Washington dropped approximately 90 percent since the passing of
18 a state law to ensure that issues related to motorcycle profiling
19 are included in law enforcement training; and

20 WHEREAS, Unlawful motorcycle profiling is a serious issue in
21 Texas and beyond, and every means of preventing it should be
22 explored; now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the 88th Legislature of the State of Texas
24 hereby request that the Lieutenant Governor and the Speaker of the

1 House of Representatives create a joint interim committee to study
2 motorcycle operator profiling by law enforcement officers; and, be
3 it further

4 RESOLVED, That the study must consider:

5 (1) the effectiveness of current education and
6 training requirements for law enforcement officers regarding
7 motorcycle operator profiling awareness and sensitivity;

8 (2) potential improvements to education and training
9 requirements regarding motorcycle operator profiling awareness and
10 sensitivity that may be implemented by state and local law
11 enforcement agencies; and

12 (3) any other methods to decrease motorcycle operator
13 profiling by law enforcement officers; and, be it further

14 RESOLVED, That a full report, including findings and
15 recommendations, be submitted to the 89th Texas Legislature before
16 it convenes in January 2025.