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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Human trafficking is a serious and escalating  
2 problem in the United States, particularly in Texas; and

3 WHEREAS, A multibillion-dollar business, human trafficking  
4 is second only to drug dealing in criminal profitability and is one  
5 of the fastest-growing illegal enterprises, according to the  
6 Polaris Project, a Washington, D.C.-based organization that  
7 maintains the National Human Trafficking Hotline; thousands of  
8 foreign nationals are trafficked into the United States each year,  
9 and it is estimated that the number of U.S. citizens trafficked  
10 within our own borders is even higher; and

11 WHEREAS, Texas is a major point of illegal entry into the  
12 United States; its large geographic size along with its  
13 demographics make the Lone Star State appealing to traffickers, who  
14 endeavor to blend into the population while exploiting their  
15 victims in forced labor and prostitution; and

16 WHEREAS, Although Texas has been recognized as a leader in  
17 the effort to end the scourge of human trafficking, eradication of  
18 this modern-day form of slavery is a difficult challenge, and every  
19 means of combating it should be explored; now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the 88th Legislature of the State of Texas  
21 hereby request the Lieutenant Governor and the Speaker of the House  
22 of Representatives to create a joint interim committee to study the  
23 problem of human trafficking in Texas; and, be it further

24 RESOLVED, That the committee's proceedings and operations be

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1 governed by such general rules and policies for interim committees  
2 as the 88th Texas Legislature may adopt; and, be it further

3       RESOLVED, That the committee submit a full report, including  
4 findings and recommendations, to the 89th Texas Legislature before  
5 it convenes in January 2025.