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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

22 WHEREAS, Law enforcement agencies working together in Texas
23 have seized billions of dollars in illegal drugs and hundreds of
24 millions in cash, along with thousands of firearms, and weapons,

1 all related to the invasion of drug cartels; and

2 WHEREAS, Texas has repeatedly asked the federal government to
3 send more border security resources to the state, requesting an
4 increase in manpower of border patrol agents and the deployment of
5 National Guard troops; and

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

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

11 WHEREAS, The inability of the federal government to develop a
12 comprehensive plan that would address this border security problem
13 puts an unfair and unreasonable burden on the entire state, but in
14 particular on Texas border communities; and

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

1 foreign drug cartels as foreign terrorist organizations under
2 Section 219 of the Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1189;
3 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 danger of irreparable harm; and, be it
7 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 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.