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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, People from across the State of Texas were deeply  
2 saddened by the tragic events of June 11 and 12, 2025, when  
3 catastrophic flooding in San Antonio claimed the lives of 13  
4 residents; and

5 WHEREAS, As storms produced widespread flash flooding in the  
6 San Antonio area and unleashed more than six inches of rain in just  
7 a few hours, high water flooding occurred on the lower level of  
8 Interstate 35 and on many other roads; at approximately 4:15 a.m. on  
9 June 12, first responders began receiving calls about individuals  
10 stranded on the Loop 410 frontage road near Perrin Beitel Road,  
11 where a wall of water swept more than a dozen vehicles into Beitel  
12 Creek and where 11 of the 13 victims were killed; the other two  
13 victims were found near Leon Creek and U.S. Highway 90 as well as  
14 several miles upstream; volunteers joined the San Antonio Fire and  
15 Police Departments and Texas A&M Task Force 1, a statewide urban  
16 search and rescue team, in conducting extensive rescue operations;  
17 and

18 WHEREAS, This heartbreaking incident led to the passing of  
19 Esther Chung, age 77; Derwin Anderson, age 43; Martha De La Torre  
20 Rangel, age 55, and her son, Josue Pina De La Torre, age 28; Victor  
21 Manuel Macias Castro, age 28; Rudy Garza, age 61; Cristine  
22 Gonzalez, age 29; Stevie Richards, age 42; Andrew Sanchez, age 60;  
23 Matthew Tufono, age 51; Brett Riley, age 63; Carlos Valdez III, age  
24 67; and Roseann Cobb, age 41; and

1           WHEREAS, The citizens of San Antonio have exhibited  
2 tremendous resilience, unity, and compassion in the wake of this  
3 profound tragedy, coming together to offer support and comfort to  
4 those grieving the loss of loved ones; through their combined  
5 efforts, state lawmakers and community leaders are honoring the  
6 legacy of the flood victims while demonstrating a renewed  
7 commitment to preventing such disasters from ever taking place  
8 again; now, therefore, be it

9           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas  
10 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the lives of  
11 the 13 victims of the deadly flooding event that occurred in San  
12 Antonio on June 11 and 12, 2025, and offer heartfelt condolences to  
13 their families and friends who carry on their memories.