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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Citizens across the nation were deeply saddened by
2 the tragic events of July 4, 2025, when catastrophic floods ravaged
3 the Texas Hill Country and claimed the lives of more than 135
4 people; and

5 WHEREAS, The disaster occurred when multiple weather systems
6 converged, bringing intense rainfall to Central Texas and causing
7 the Guadalupe River to overflow in the early morning of July 4; in
8 hard-hit Kerr County, the river surged more than 26 feet in 45
9 minutes, leaving homeowners, campers, and vacationers with little
10 time to evacuate to higher ground; and

11 WHEREAS, Residents near the river woke in the night to the
12 shock of floodwaters overtaking their homes, with the fast-moving
13 current sweeping through neighborhoods and campsites, dragging
14 away vehicles, and threatening the lives of anyone in its path; in
15 the days that followed, rescuers set out in boats and helicopters,
16 and volunteers from across the state and country combed through
17 debris-strewn riverbanks in a desperate search for the missing; as
18 the world looked on, stories of both heartbreak and heroism were
19 brought to light, underscoring the depth of this tragedy and the
20 enduring resilience of the Texans affected; and

21 WHEREAS, With more than 135 lives lost, including over 100 in
22 Kerr County alone, and two individuals still unaccounted for, the
23 July 2025 Central Texas storms stand among the deadliest flooding
24 events in the United States in the past century; devastatingly, the

1 death toll includes a disproportionate number of children, some of
2 whom were attending summer camps and vacationing with loved ones
3 along the river when the disaster unfolded; also among those who
4 perished were parents, siblings, grandparents, and friends, whose
5 absence leaves an immeasurable void in their families and
6 communities; and

7 WHEREAS, Each life lost in the 2025 Hill Country floods
8 represents a story that deserves to be honored and remembered, and
9 the thoughts and prayers of all Texans are with those touched by
10 this profound tragedy; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the 89th Legislature of the State of Texas,
12 2nd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the memory of the victims
13 of the July 2025 Hill Country floods and offer heartfelt
14 condolences to the families, friends, and neighbors who are
15 mourning in the wake of the disaster.