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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Prior to the 2024 presidential election, many public
2 figures now holding high office in the executive branch called for
3 the release of Federal Bureau of Investigation files on deceased
4 sex offender Jeffrey Epstein; and

5 WHEREAS, Current FBI Director Kash Patel, Deputy FBI Director
6 Dan Bongino, U.S. Attorney General Pamela Bondi, and Vice President
7 J. D. Vance were among the many who have long sought the release of
8 files from the FBI investigation of Mr. Epstein; he was federally
9 charged in 2019 with sex trafficking of minors and conspiracy to
10 commit sex trafficking of minors in a case involving dozens of
11 victims; later that year, he died in custody while awaiting trial;
12 his associate and confidante, Ghislaine Maxwell, was subsequently
13 convicted on federal charges related to her role in recruiting and
14 grooming underage girls on his behalf; and

15 WHEREAS, In 2008, Mr. Epstein had pleaded guilty in Florida
16 to state charges of soliciting prostitution and soliciting
17 prostitution from someone under the age of 18; his light sentence
18 caused a scandal when *The Miami Herald* revealed that despite reams
19 of evidence against him, he had secured a non-prosecution agreement
20 from the office of then-U.S. Attorney Alexander Acosta, who was
21 later appointed U.S. secretary of labor by President Donald J.
22 Trump; Mr. Acosta resigned from the cabinet when the federal
23 indictment against Mr. Epstein was unsealed; and

24 WHEREAS, Since President Trump returned to the White House in

1 January 2025, he and senior members of his administration have
2 repeatedly stated that the government would release a full
3 accounting of the Epstein case, including names of associates,
4 thousands of pages of evidence, and potential criminal referrals;
5 in February, after indicating to Fox News that she had on her desk a
6 long-rumored list of Mr. Epstein's clients, Attorney General Bondi
7 distributed binders of "declassified" records that proved to be
8 nothing more than a collection of already public information; in
9 response to the resulting furor, she ordered a comprehensive report
10 from the FBI director; according to media accounts, the New York
11 field office then delayed other investigations in order for
12 hundreds of FBI agents to work around the clock reviewing the
13 Epstein files; nevertheless, no more information was forthcoming,
14 and on July 7, the Justice Department abruptly posted a memo
15 asserting that the much-anticipated "client list" did not exist and
16 the agency did not intend to release any new information on the
17 matter; and

18 WHEREAS, The Trump administration has purported to be the
19 most transparent in the history of the country, but officials who
20 once clamored for the release of the Epstein files are now asserting
21 they contain nothing of interest; today, there are more questions
22 than ever about Mr. Epstein's criminal activity and his associates,
23 and the ongoing lack of candor is causing the American public to
24 question the honesty and integrity of the administration; now,
25 therefore, be it

26 RESOLVED, That the 89th Legislature of the State of Texas,
27 2nd Called Session, hereby call for the U.S. Department of Justice

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1 and the Trump administration to release the complete Epstein files;
2 and, be it further

3 RESOLVED, That the Texas secretary of state forward official
4 copies of this resolution to President Donald Trump and to U.S.
5 Attorney General Pamela Bondi.