

By: Flores

H.C.R. No. 19

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, In recent months, federal immigration enforcement  
2 agents have increasingly worn masks and other attire to conceal  
3 their identities while they conduct public-facing enforcement  
4 actions; and

5 WHEREAS, Without visible badges, names, or insignia, members  
6 of the public are unable to confirm whether they are interacting  
7 with legitimate government officials; this lack of transparency  
8 causes confusion and fear while eroding trust in law enforcement,  
9 which culminates in high-stress situations that endanger both  
10 civilians and law enforcement personnel; in addition, when federal  
11 agents fail to properly identify themselves, they create obstacles  
12 to accountability and prevent those who are detained from  
13 challenging unlawful conduct in court; and

14 WHEREAS, A number of public officials have voiced concern  
15 that allowing federal agents to conceal their identities would  
16 provide bad actors with more opportunities to impersonate law  
17 enforcement personnel and use their anonymity to enact violence;  
18 even before the use of masks became commonplace, there was a rise in  
19 crimes perpetrated by individuals impersonating law enforcement,  
20 including harassment, theft, extortion, assault, battery, sexual  
21 assault, and kidnapping; recently, two Minnesota state legislators  
22 and their spouses were murdered by an individual who was disguised  
23 as a police officer; and

24 WHEREAS, Several incidents involving masked and plainclothes

1 federal agents have created complications for local law  
2 enforcement; for example, in June 2025, masked and armed agents  
3 from U.S. Customs and Border Protection operated a caravan of  
4 unmarked vehicles and attempted to enter the parking lots of Dodger  
5 Stadium in Los Angeles, California; after the agents were denied  
6 entry by the stadium's security, police officers were called to the  
7 scene and the group of federal agents dispersed; the event sparked a  
8 wave of speculation and misinformation online, and local officials  
9 were left with the burden of finding answers to the onslaught of  
10 questions from the public; and

11 WHEREAS, Federal immigration enforcement agencies have yet  
12 to issue official policies governing the use of masks by agents or  
13 provide a clear justification for allowing agents to conceal their  
14 identities; however, some members of the U.S. Congress have  
15 introduced legislation to remedy those lax uniform policies; the  
16 Visible Identification Standards for Immigration-Based Law  
17 Enforcement (VISIBLE) Act would require immigration enforcement  
18 officers to display clearly visible identification during  
19 public-facing enforcement actions; the No Secret Police Act would  
20 require law enforcement officers and agents of the Department of  
21 Homeland Security to clearly display identification and insignia  
22 when detaining or arresting individuals, and the bill would also  
23 ban the officers from using home-made, non-tactical masks; the No  
24 Anonymity in Immigration Enforcement Act would prohibit  
25 U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents from wearing  
26 facial coverings while conducting immigration enforcement  
27 operations; and

1 WHEREAS, In order to maintain the public's trust and foster  
2 healthy relationships with the communities they serve, law  
3 enforcement officers, including federal agents, must prioritize  
4 transparency and accountability, and the concealment of their  
5 identities is antithetical to those values; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the 89th Legislature of the State of Texas,  
7 2nd Called Session, hereby respectfully urge the United States  
8 Congress to pass legislation requiring federal agents who are  
9 conducting arrests to wear proper uniforms and present  
10 identification and prohibiting agents from wearing facial  
11 coverings during public-facing enforcement actions; and, be it  
12 further

13 RESOLVED, That the Texas secretary of state forward official  
14 copies of this resolution to the president of the United States, to  
15 the president of the Senate and the speaker of the House of  
16 Representatives of the United States Congress, and to all the  
17 members of the Texas delegation to Congress with the request that  
18 this resolution be entered in the Congressional Record as a  
19 memorial to the Congress of the United States of America.