

1-1 By: Gerdes, et al. H.C.R. No. 40
1-2 (Senate Sponsor - Creighton, et al.)
1-3 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 20, 2025;
1-4 May 20, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on Border
1-5 Security; May 22, 2025, reported favorably by the following vote:
1-6 Yeas 5, Nays 0; May 22, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

1-8		Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-9	Birdwell	X			
1-10	Flores	X			
1-11	Eckhardt	X			
1-12	Hinojosa of Nueces	X			
1-13	Hinojosa of Hidalgo	X			

1-14 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1-15 WHEREAS, Due to the lack of action by the federal government,
1-16 the State of Texas has been forced to continually appropriate funds
1-17 to secure the southern border of the United States; and

1-18 WHEREAS, In March 2021, Governor Greg Abbott launched
1-19 Operation Lone Star to address record levels of migrant crossings
1-20 and drug trafficking at the southern border; over the last three
1-21 years, Texas has invested billions of dollars into the initiative;
1-22 these funds have supported a variety of efforts, such as
1-23 implementing surveillance technologies, providing resources to
1-24 local law enforcement agencies, conducting legal and
1-25 administrative activities, and managing the public health and
1-26 humanitarian aspects of migration; and

1-27 WHEREAS, As part of Operation Lone Star, members of the Texas
1-28 National Guard and the Texas Department of Public Safety have been
1-29 deployed to the region to help detect and repel illegal crossings,
1-30 arrest human smugglers and cartel gang members, and stop the flow of
1-31 deadly drugs such as fentanyl into the United States; the program
1-32 has led to more than 516,300 apprehensions of illegal immigrants
1-33 and over 45,300 arrests; and

1-34 WHEREAS, Although it is the duty of the federal government to
1-35 secure the nation's borders, the State of Texas has expended
1-36 significant resources to help maintain safety and security across
1-37 the United States, and Congress should take responsibility for its
1-38 failure to address the crisis at the southern border; now,
1-39 therefore, be it

1-40 RESOLVED, That the 89th Legislature of the State of Texas
1-41 hereby respectfully urge the Congress of the United States to
1-42 reimburse the State of Texas for border security costs incurred
1-43 under Operation Lone Star; and, be it further

1-44 RESOLVED, That the Texas secretary of state forward official
1-45 copies of this resolution to the president of the United States, to
1-46 the president of the Senate and the speaker of the House of
1-47 Representatives of the United States Congress, and to all the
1-48 members of the Texas delegation to Congress with the request that
1-49 this resolution be officially entered in the Congressional Record
1-50 as a memorial to the Congress of the United States of America.

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