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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Human trafficking is a serious and escalating  
2 problem in the United States, particularly in Texas; and

3 WHEREAS, A multibillion-dollar business, human trafficking  
4 is one of the fastest-growing illegal enterprises, according to the  
5 Polaris Project, a Washington, D.C.-based organization that  
6 maintains the National Human Trafficking Hotline; thousands of  
7 foreign nationals are trafficked into the United States each year,  
8 and it is estimated that the number of U.S. citizens trafficked  
9 within our own borders is even higher; and

10 WHEREAS, Texas is a major point of illegal entry into the  
11 United States; its large geographic size along with its  
12 demographics make the Lone Star State appealing to traffickers, who  
13 endeavor to blend into the population while exploiting their  
14 victims in forced labor and prostitution; and

15 WHEREAS, Although Texas has been recognized as a leader in  
16 the effort to end the scourge of human trafficking, eradication of  
17 this modern-day form of slavery is a difficult challenge, and every  
18 means of combating it should be explored; now, therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the 89th Legislature of the State of Texas  
20 hereby request the Lieutenant Governor and the Speaker of the House  
21 of Representatives to create a joint interim committee to study the  
22 problem of human trafficking in Texas; and, be it further

23 RESOLVED, That the committee's proceedings and operations be  
24 governed by such general rules and policies for interim committees

1 as the 89th Texas Legislature may adopt; and, be it further

2           RESOLVED, That the committee submit a full report, including  
3 findings and recommendations, to the 90th Texas Legislature before  
4 it convenes in January 2027.