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H.R. No. 53

R E S O L U T I O N

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

4 WHEREAS, In March 2021, Governor Greg Abbott launched
5 Operation Lone Star to address record levels of migrant crossings
6 and drug trafficking at the southern border; over the last three
7 years, Texas has invested approximately \$11 billion into the
8 initiative; these funds have supported a variety of efforts, such
9 as implementing surveillance technologies, providing resources to
10 local law enforcement agencies, conducting legal and
11 administrative activities, and managing the public health and
12 humanitarian aspects of migration; and

13 WHEREAS, As part of Operation Lone Star, members of the Texas
14 National Guard and the Texas Department of Public Safety have been
15 deployed to the region to help detect and repel illegal crossings,
16 arrest human smugglers and cartel gang members, and stop the flow of
17 deadly drugs such as fentanyl into the United States; the program
18 has led to more than 516,300 apprehensions of illegal immigrants
19 and over 45,300 arrests; and

20 WHEREAS, Although it is the duty of the federal government to
21 secure the nation's borders, the State of Texas has expended
22 significant resources to help maintain safety and security across
23 the United States, and Congress should take responsibility for its
24 failure to address the crisis at the southern border; now,

1 therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas
3 Legislature hereby respectfully urge the Congress of the United
4 States to reimburse the State of Texas in the amount of \$11 billion
5 for border security costs incurred under Operation Lone Star; and,
6 be it further

7 RESOLVED, That the chief clerk of the Texas House of
8 Representatives forward official copies of this resolution to the
9 president of the United States, to the president of the Senate and
10 the speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States
11 Congress, and to all the members of the Texas delegation to Congress
12 with the request that this resolution be officially entered in the
13 Congressional Record as a memorial to the Congress of the United
14 States of America.