## S.C.R. No. 5

## 1 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

- 2 WHEREAS, It is the responsibility of the federal government
- 3 to fully maintain the security of the Texas-Mexico international
- 4 border; and
- 5 WHEREAS, The federal government has neglected its duty to
- 6 fully maintain the security of the Texas-Mexico international
- 7 border; and
- 8 WHEREAS, An unprotected border facilitates drug smuggling
- 9 and human trafficking and opens the door to spillover violence from
- 10 criminal cartels; moreover, the ease with which members of
- 11 terrorist organizations can enter the country poses a grave threat
- 12 to homeland security; and
- WHEREAS, The federal government's failure to prevent illegal
- 14 entry has shifted much of the responsibility to the State of Texas;
- 15 consequently, budget writers must weigh the costs of border
- 16 security against the expense of other state services; during the
- 17 2012-2013 fiscal biennium, Texas spent \$222,068,318 on border
- 18 security operations, and in the 2014-2015 fiscal biennium,
- 19 \$467,872,482; and
- WHEREAS, The executive branch and the United States Congress
- 21 have consistently delayed meaningful action on border security,
- 22 forcing Texas to expend significant resources to keep the
- 23 international border with Mexico secure and placing an undue burden
- 24 on the state's taxpayers; now, therefore, be it

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- 1 RESOLVED, That the 84th Legislature of the State of Texas
- 2 hereby express its dissatisfaction with the federal government's
- 3 inadequate efforts to secure the Texas-Mexico international
- 4 border; and, be it further
- 5 RESOLVED, That the 84th Texas Legislature respectfully urge
- 6 the Congress of the United States to reimburse the State of Texas in
- 7 the amount of \$689,940,800 for bearing the financial burden of the
- 8 federal government's responsibility to secure the Texas-Mexico
- 9 international border from 2012 through 2015; and, be it further
- 10 RESOLVED, That the Texas secretary of state forward official
- 11 copies of this resolution to the president of the United States, to
- 12 the president of the Senate and to the speaker of the House of
- 13 Representatives of the United States Congress, and to all the
- 14 members of the Texas delegation to Congress with the request that
- 15 this resolution be entered in the Congressional Record as a
- 16 memorial to the Congress of the United States of America.

| President of the Senate          | Speaker of the House                |
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| I hereby certify that S.C        | .R. No. 5 was adopted by the Senate |
| on March 24, 2015, by the follow | ing vote: Yeas 25, Nays 6.          |
|                                  | Secretary of the Senate             |
| I hereby certify that S.O        | C.R. No. 5 was adopted by the House |
| on May 23, 2015, by the follo    | owing vote: Yeas 99, Nays 32, one   |
| present not voting.              |                                     |
|                                  | Chief Clerk of the House            |
| Approved:                        |                                     |
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| Date                             |                                     |
| Governor                         |                                     |