

1-1 By: Estes S.C.R. No. 35
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 9, 2017; March 21, 2017, read
 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Veteran Affairs & Border
 1-4 Security; April 3, 2017, reported favorably by the following vote:
 1-5 Yeas 6, Nays 1; April 3, 2017, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-8	X			
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1-15 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1-16 WHEREAS, It is the responsibility of the federal government
 1-17 to fully maintain the security of the Texas-Mexico international
 1-18 border; and

1-19 WHEREAS, The federal government has neglected its duty to
 1-20 fully maintain the security of the Texas-Mexico international
 1-21 border; and

1-22 WHEREAS, An unprotected border facilitates drug smuggling
 1-23 and human trafficking and opens the door to spillover violence from
 1-24 criminal cartels; moreover, the ease with which members of
 1-25 terrorist organizations can enter the country poses a grave threat
 1-26 to homeland security; and

1-27 WHEREAS, The federal government's failure to prevent illegal
 1-28 entry has shifted much of the responsibility to the State of Texas;
 1-29 consequently, budget writers must weigh the costs of border
 1-30 security against the expense of other state services; during the
 1-31 2012-2013 fiscal biennium, Texas spent \$222,068,318 on border
 1-32 security operations, and in the 2014-2015 fiscal biennium,
 1-33 \$467,872,482, and in the 2016-2017 fiscal biennium, \$800,038,429;
 1-34 and

1-35 WHEREAS, The executive branch and the United States Congress
 1-36 have consistently delayed meaningful action on border security,
 1-37 forcing Texas to expend significant resources to keep the
 1-38 international border with Mexico secure and placing an undue burden
 1-39 on the state's taxpayers; now, therefore, be it

1-40 RESOLVED, That the 85th Legislature of the State of Texas
 1-41 hereby express its dissatisfaction with the federal government's
 1-42 inadequate efforts to secure the Texas-Mexico international
 1-43 border; and, be it further

1-44 RESOLVED, That the 85th Texas Legislature respectfully urge
 1-45 the Congress of the United States to reimburse the State of Texas in
 1-46 the amount of \$1,489,979,229 for bearing the financial burden of
 1-47 the federal government's responsibility to secure the Texas-Mexico
 1-48 international border from 2012 through 2017; and, be it further

1-49 RESOLVED, That the Texas secretary of state forward official
 1-50 copies of this resolution to the president of the United States, to
 1-51 the president of the Senate and to the speaker of the House of
 1-52 Representatives of the United States Congress, and to all the
 1-53 members of the Texas delegation to Congress with the request that
 1-54 this resolution be entered in the Congressional Record as a
 1-55 memorial to the Congress of the United States of America.

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