

1-1 By: Miller (Senate Sponsor - Huffman) H.C.R. No. 35
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 29, 2019;
 1-3 April 30, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on State
 1-4 Affairs; May 14, 2019, reported favorably by the following vote:
 1-5 Yeas 9, Nays 0; May 14, 2019, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-17 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1-18 WHEREAS, Human trafficking is a serious and escalating public
 1-19 health issue in the United States, particularly in Texas; and

1-20 WHEREAS, It is estimated that there are more than 300,000
 1-21 victims of human trafficking in the State of Texas, and nearly
 1-22 80,000 of those are identified as minors; and

1-23 WHEREAS, The number of cases reported rose 82 percent from
 1-24 2015 to 2017, giving Texas the second-highest number of human
 1-25 trafficking reports in the country, with explosive growth occurring
 1-26 across all segments of our society in every ethnicity, gender, and
 1-27 age, regardless of immigration, socioeconomic, or family status;
 1-28 and

1-29 WHEREAS, Victims of human trafficking experience a severe and
 1-30 complex trauma that is recognized by the medical community as one of
 1-31 the most challenging to effectively treat; it requires long-term
 1-32 counseling, therapy, and often inpatient treatment, which is
 1-33 complicated by the fact that relatively few facilities in Texas are
 1-34 trained in trauma-informed care; and

1-35 WHEREAS, The health problems engendered by human trafficking
 1-36 are a crisis that impacts a substantial number of Texans in
 1-37 communities across the state; sexual exploitation of women and
 1-38 children account for 84 percent of cases and cost the state an
 1-39 estimated \$6.6 billion in additional physical and mental health
 1-40 care and social services; this also creates additional strain on
 1-41 our health care and law enforcement systems; and

1-42 WHEREAS, Gangs and cartels have combined drug and human
 1-43 trafficking operations to become a primary controlling influence in
 1-44 both, with the traffickers involved proving to be some of the most
 1-45 dangerous and violent criminals to whom thousands more innocent
 1-46 victims fall prey each year; and

1-47 WHEREAS, All forms of human trafficking are criminal acts,
 1-48 and it is imperative that this issue be appropriately addressed so
 1-49 that we may bring an end to this atrocious crime and help survivors
 1-50 to move forward with their lives; now, therefore, be it

1-51 RESOLVED, That the 86th Legislature of the State of Texas
 1-52 hereby recognize human trafficking as a public health issue.

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