

1 and Human Services (HHS) facilities are at peak capacity to shelter
2 unaccompanied alien children (UAC); and

3 WHEREAS, due to the unprecedented influx of migrants
4 overwhelming the capacity at CBP stations and the ongoing crisis,
5 U.S. Border Patrol agents assigned to the Del Rio Sector have begun
6 releasing detainees into Texas; and

7 WHEREAS, news reports reveal undocumented women have made
8 their way into American border towns after being beaten for
9 disobeying smugglers, impregnated by strangers, coerced into
10 prostitution, shackled to beds and trees, and – in at least a
11 handful of cases – bound with duct tape, rope, or handcuffs; and

12 WHEREAS, 194,000 criminal aliens booked into Texas jails from
13 2011-2019 were charged with more than 299,000 criminal offenses;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, CBP reports the unprecedented increase in migrant
16 interdictions is having a detrimental impact on CBP's primary
17 border security mission and security posture resulting in up to 40
18 percent or more of CBP personnel working to care for, transport,
19 and process vulnerable families and children; and

20 WHEREAS, transnational criminal organizations and smugglers
21 are using large groups of families as diversions to exploit and
22 profit from reduced border enforcement presence; and

23 WHEREAS, members of Congress have filed legislation to
24 designate drug cartels as Foreign Terrorist Organizations for
25 their undermining of American national security with a relentless
26 attack on our border while trafficking in human beings; and

1 WHEREAS, the President of the United States has declared the
2 situation along the border a "crisis;" and

3 WHEREAS, the United States Congress has consistently delayed
4 meaningful action on border security, forcing Texas to expend
5 significant resources to keep the international border with Mexico
6 secure and placing an undue burden on the state's taxpayers; now,
7 therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, that the Texas Senate hereby expresses its
9 dissatisfaction with the United States Congress' inadequate
10 efforts to fully fund the operational security of the Texas-Mexico
11 international border; and, be it further

12 RESOLVED, that the Texas Senate calls upon the United States
13 Congress to adopt a budget that fully funds all means necessary to
14 fully secure the Texas-Mexico international border, including, but
15 not limited to, deploying personnel, implementing effective
16 technologies, and erecting barriers where needed; and, be it
17 further

18 RESOLVED, that the Texas Senate declares this crisis at the
19 Texas-Mexico International Border an emergency; and, be it further

20 RESOLVED, the Texas Senate supports the President in his
21 efforts to move forward with emergency action; and, be it further

22 RESOLVED, that the Secretary of the Texas Senate forward
23 official copies of this resolution to the President of the United
24 States, to the President of the U.S. Senate, and to the Speaker of
25 the U.S. House of Representatives, and to all members of the Texas
26 delegation to Congress with the request that this resolution be
27 entered in the Congressional Record.