

67th LEGISLATURE—REGULAR SESSION

MURDERS IN ATLANTA, GEORGIA—AID
IN INVESTIGATIONS

H.C.R. No. 82

WHEREAS, Since July, 1979, 23 black children in Atlanta, Georgia, have been killed and 2 others are missing in a series of crimes that has few leads and no suspect; and

WHEREAS, Texans join with people throughout the country in feeling horror and frustration relating to the cases and in expressing deepest sympathy to the relatives and those directly touched by the tragedies; and

WHEREAS, The children involved in the kidnappings and murders are all under the age of 15 and all from poor black families; many of the children were working to help support themselves and their families at the time of their fatal abductions; and

WHEREAS, Volunteers are currently donating both money and time in an effort to solve the cases quickly, but investigators are faced with extremely difficult questions made more complicated by the apparent lack of patterns associated with the actual killings; and

WHEREAS, Law enforcement officials are working ceaselessly to apprehend the murderer or murderers and to protect all Atlanta citizens, and they deserve any resources and support that can aid them in their investigations; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the State of Texas, the Senate concurring, That the 67th Legislature hereby offer the cooperation and understanding of this state to the city of Atlanta, Georgia, to aid in the investigations of the unexplained disappearances and murders of the children of that city; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That Texas state agencies may provide assistance within their available resources and legal authorities, or upon request by the governor, to help end the terrifying crimes.

Clayton
Adkisson
Agnich
Allee
Atkinson
Barrientos
Barton
Benedict
Berlanga
Blanton
Blythe

Bock
Bomer
Brookshire
Browder
Bryant
Buchanan
Burnett
Bush
Cain
Cary
Ceverha

Clark of Smith
Clark of Jasper
Cockerham
Cofer
Colbert
Coleman
Collazo
Coody
Craddick
Crawford
Criss

RESOLUTIONS

Danburg	Hudson	Riley
Davis	Jackson	Robnett
DeLay	Jones	Rudd
Delco	Kesse	Salinas
Denton	Keller	Saunders
Edwards	Khoury	Schlueter
Eikenburg	Kubiak	Schoolcraft
Elizondo	Laney	Semos
Emmett	Lee of Cameron	Sharp
Evans	Lee of Harris	Shaw
Finnell	Leonard	Simpson
Florence	Lewis	Smith of Dallas
Fox	London	Smith of Harris
Garcia of Hidalgo	Luna	Smith of Travis
Garcia of Bexar	Lyon	Staniswalis
Gaston	McBee	Sutton
Gavin	McFarland	Tejeda
Geistweidt	McLeod	Thompson of Taylor
Gibson of Johnson	McWilliams	Thompson of Harris
Gibson of Ector	Madla	Tow
Gilley	Maloney	Turner
Glossbrenner	Martin	Uher
Gonzales	Messer	Valles
Green	Moreno	Von Dohlen
Grubbs	Nabers	Vowell
Hackney	Nowlin	Waldrop
Haley	Patrick	Wallace
Hall of Tarrant	Patterson	Ware
Hall of Webb	Pennington	Washington
Hanna	Peveto	Watson
Hartung	Pierce	Webber
Heatly	Polk	Whaley
Henderson	Polumbo	Whitmire
Hernandez	Presnal	Wieting
Hill of Dallas	Price	Willis
Hill of Travis	Ragsdale	Wilson
Hinojosa	Rains	Wolens
Hollowell	Rangel	Wright
Horn	Reynolds	

Adopted by the House on March 5, 1981, by a non-record vote; House concurred in Senate amendments to H.C.R. No. 82 on April 16, 1981, by a non-record vote; adopted by the Senate, as amended, on April 13, 1981.

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COMMENDATION—TOWN OF PENITAS

H.C.R. No. 83

WHEREAS, Penitas, in southern Hidalgo County, is the earliest recorded settlement in South Texas and one of the oldest towns in the United States and was founded by a priest and five other Spaniards returning from an unsuccessful expedition commissioned in 1520 by the King of Spain to kill or capture Cortez, Conqueror of Mexico; and

WHEREAS, The name, "Penitas," means "little pebbles," and the town is located at the site of a Tejone Indian village and a Spanish settlement; and