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RESOLUTION
OF
THE LEGISLATURE OF TEXAS

ASKING

That measures be taken to prevent the Republic of Mexico from harboring hostile bands of Indians predateding the southwestern frontier of that State.

JUNE 10, 1870.—Referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations and ordered to be printed.

Whereas during the last five years certain bands of Indians, known as "Kickapoos" and "Lipans," residing in the States of Coahuila and Tamaulipas, Republic of Mexico, have been making constant raids into the settlements upon the southwestern frontier of this State, killing scores of our citizens and driving off large quantities of live stock into Mexico, thereby retarding the settlement and development of many counties in this State, and tending to the depopulation and destruction of the scattered settlements on our southwestern frontier; and whereas these Indians have resided, and are still residing, in and contiguous to cities and villages of the Mexican States named; and whereas it is notorious that these Indians have been constantly aided and encouraged by the citizens of Mexico in their murderous forays upon our soil, armed bands of said Indians with known hostile intent constantly crossing the Rio Grande from Mexico to this State with the full knowledge and consent of the Mexican authorities, and returning from such expeditions laden with booty captured from our unfortunate citizens, without opposition or interference on the part of the Mexican authorities; and whereas there can be no relief for the people upon the southwestern frontier of this State so long as the Republic of Mexico continues to protect and furnish a safe asylum to these savage bands of thieves and murderers: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the legislature of the State of Texas, That the government of the United States is earnestly requested to at once take measures to compel the Republic of Mexico to fulfill its duties as a friendly power by no longer permitting its soil to be used as an asylum for the bands of thieving and murderous Indians who for the last five years have devastated the southwestern frontier of this State, with the full knowledge of the Mexican authorities and the aid of the Mexican people.

Be it further resolved, That copies of this preamble and resolution be forwarded to the President of the United States, President of the Senate, and Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States, and

to each one of the senators and representatives from this State in the Congress of the United States.

IRA H. EVANS,
Speaker House of Representatives.
DON CAMPBELL,
President of the Senate.

Approved May 24, 1870.

EDM'D J. DAVIS,
Governor.