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At the appropriate place in subtitle G of title XII, insert the following:

SEC. 12. SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING THE CENTRAL AMERICAN MIGRANT CRISIS.

It is the sense of Congress that—

(1) increasingly dangerous conditions in the Northern Triangle countries of Central America, including escalating state violence in Honduras and Guatemala, have caused unprecedented levels of migration as people flee for their lives and seek out safety for their families;

(2) the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees has warned that the crisis is mounting and that the humanitarian needs continue to grow;

(3) the crisis has resulted in a record number of asylum applicants in the United States and humanitarian challenges at the southwest border that are in need of dire assistance - including horrific over-crowding and a lack of adequate resources like food, shelter, clothing, medical care, and legal assistance;
(4) a humanitarian crisis of this magnitude necessitates a coordinated, international response in order to fully safeguard the rights and well-being of those affected and to ensure the safe resettlement of the displaced; and

(5) the United States should engage with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to assist in the crisis response and rely on the programmatic expertise of the High Commissioner to ensure the timely, effective delivery of aid and to help monitor the conditions and treatment of the displaced populations at the southwest border.