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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1           WHEREAS, Numerous properties in the Colony Ridge development  
2 of Liberty County have been sold to illegal immigrants, resulting  
3 in a national security concern that threatens the safety and  
4 quality of life in local communities; and

5           WHEREAS, Mortgage lenders are able to offer non-citizens  
6 specialized loans that use individual tax identification numbers  
7 instead of social security numbers; Colony Ridge Land, LLC, which  
8 does business as Terrenos Houston, has sold land to customers using  
9 ITIN loans, and its development's population has grown to include  
10 an estimated 50,000 to 75,000 residents, many of whom are in the  
11 country illegally; in addition, advertisements for Colony Ridge  
12 properties have been published in Spanish through international  
13 communication channels; and

14           WHEREAS, Colony Ridge and the surrounding area lack  
15 sufficient law enforcement presence; this has attracted illegal  
16 immigrants as well as cartel activity, and the Gulf and Sinaloa  
17 cartels have reportedly purchased land in the development for safe  
18 houses, which are used to smuggle drugs and people into the United  
19 States; in addition, there is evidence of cartel involvement from  
20 early in the development's history, and in 2021, the Drug  
21 Enforcement Administration carried out the largest drug bust ever  
22 in Liberty County when it raided a multimillion-dollar  
23 methamphetamine manufacturing lab located inside a Colony Ridge  
24 dwelling; other crimes that have occurred in the area include

1 murders, sexual assaults, and thefts; despite these issues, the  
2 Liberty County Sheriff's Office has neglected to check immigration  
3 status during routine stops; and

4 WHEREAS, Illegal immigration to Colony Ridge has led to  
5 significant changes in the community's way of life; longtime  
6 residents have reported disruptions such as excessive noise,  
7 gunfire, and loud music; moreover, issues such as flooding, traffic  
8 congestion, water pollution, and sewage problems have been  
9 attributed to the rapid population growth; and

10 WHEREAS, The Cleveland Independent School District is  
11 required to accept local students even if they are non-citizens,  
12 and over the past four years, enrollment has increased from 6,584 to  
13 12,400; the school district has worked to accommodate the influx of  
14 students by building new schools and is reportedly hiring H-1B  
15 beneficiaries to serve as foreign language teachers; and

16 WHEREAS, Illegal immigration to the Colony Ridge area has  
17 negatively impacted the health, safety, and welfare of local  
18 residents, and more must be done to prevent illegal immigrants from  
19 settling in Texas communities; now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the 88th Legislature of the State of Texas,  
21 3rd Called Session, hereby call for the thorough investigation of  
22 the Colony Ridge development in Liberty County and express support  
23 for legislation that prohibits illegal immigrants from purchasing  
24 land in communities across Texas.