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S.R. No. 678

SENATE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Texas Senate finds that border security is a federal responsibility; and

WHEREAS, Due to the lack of action by the federal government, the State of Texas has been forced to continually appropriate funds to secure the southern border of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Texas has taken these actions not just for the people of Texas, but to help maintain safety and security across the United States; and

WHEREAS, The human costs of sex trafficking, human trafficking, drug proliferation, and the expansion of vast criminal enterprises cannot be easily quantified; and

WHEREAS, The financial cost that the State of Texas has paid or will pay to combat these criminal acts has totaled more than \$9,927,000,000; and

WHEREAS, The state has spent the following amounts on border security in each of the most recent biennial state budgets:

2016-2017 - \$800,000,000

2018-2019 - \$800,000,000

2020-2021 - \$800,600,000

2022-2023 - \$2,926,400,000; and

WHEREAS, Texas plans to spend \$4,600,000,000 to secure the border in the 2024-2025 biennium; now, therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 88th Texas Legislature hereby respectfully request that the Congress of the United States fully reimburse the State of Texas for \$9,927,000,000 in expended funds that were used or will be used to meet federal obligations to secure the southern border; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That Texas is not seeking reimbursement for additional costs associated with securing the southern border, including the additional strains that have been placed on the state's healthcare and education systems, and the impacts on local law enforcement or private property damage; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the secretary of the Senate forward official copies of this resolution to the president of the United States, to the president of the Senate and the speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States Congress, and to all the members of the Texas delegation to Congress with the request that this resolution be officially entered in the Congressional Record as a memorial to the Congress of the United States of America.

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 29, 2023, by a viva-voce vote.

Secretary of the Senate