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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, It is the duty of the federal government to protect  
2 the national security of United States citizens, and illegal  
3 immigration poses a legitimate threat to our national security; and

4 WHEREAS, Existing immigration laws are not sufficiently  
5 effective at stopping illegal aliens from crossing our borders, as  
6 evidenced by the fact that a growing number of illegal aliens  
7 currently living in the United States have come into the country  
8 since the year 2000; and

9 WHEREAS, Estimates show that well over a million of the  
10 country's illegal immigrants currently reside in the State of  
11 Texas, accounting for approximately five percent of the entire  
12 state population; and

13 WHEREAS, The State of Texas is required by federal law to  
14 educate all children in the state, regardless of their legal  
15 status; and

16 WHEREAS, The federal government does not appropriate any  
17 funds to the State of Texas to cover the cost of educating children  
18 of illegal immigrants, thereby placing a significant economic  
19 burden on our local communities, increasing the state's cost of  
20 public education, and taking away limited state education dollars  
21 from the children of native-born Texas parents; and

22 WHEREAS, Illegal immigrants often use Texas hospitals and  
23 emergency rooms as their primary care facilities, increasing the  
24 health care costs borne by local municipalities, which are, in

1 turn, passed on to the taxpayers of Texas; and

2 WHEREAS, Federal law does not require adequate background  
3 checks for immigrant workers, and the proliferation of illegal  
4 aliens working for businesses in Texas depresses wage levels and  
5 results in lower incomes for Texas citizens, leading to less  
6 spending and causing the state to lose significant amounts of tax  
7 dollars; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the 79th Legislature of the State of Texas,  
9 3rd Called Session, hereby respectfully urge the Congress of the  
10 United States to pass meaningful immigration reform legislation  
11 that protects the national and economic security of Texas citizens  
12 by securing our borders and assisting the State of Texas with the  
13 economic burdens that are associated with illegal immigrants; and,  
14 be it further

15 RESOLVED, That the Texas secretary of state forward official  
16 copies of this resolution to the president of the United States, to  
17 the speaker of the house of representatives and the president of the  
18 senate of the United States Congress, and to all the members of the  
19 Texas delegation to the congress with the request that this  
20 resolution be officially entered in the Congressional Record as a  
21 memorial to the Congress of the United States of America.