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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Immigration laws exist to provide a process for
2 legal entry into this country and to protect our national security;
3 clearly, these laws are ineffective in achieving those purposes
4 without proper enforcement; and

5 WHEREAS, A country that does not know the identity of those
6 entering or leaving the country is inviting criminals and
7 terrorists to live anonymously within its borders; and

8 WHEREAS, The message from Americans is loud and clear: our
9 first priority must be securing our borders and enforcing current
10 immigration laws; only then should we determine what changes, if
11 any, are needed to our immigration policy; and

12 WHEREAS, Failure to adequately enforce immigration laws
13 exacts a high price on local taxpayers; local jails, for example,
14 become filled with illegal immigrants who have committed crimes,
15 costing taxpayers billions of dollars per year; and

16 WHEREAS, Similarly, local property taxes increase when
17 schools must provide the children of illegal immigrants with costly
18 bilingual and special education; this, too, could be prevented by
19 enforcement of current immigration laws; and

20 WHEREAS, Health care is another area affected by lax
21 enforcement of immigration laws; indigent illegal immigrants who
22 use local hospital emergency rooms for treatment increase the cost
23 of health care for all Americans; and

24 WHEREAS, Making the enforcement of current immigration laws a

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1 priority would enhance national security, fulfill the will of the
2 American people, and save local taxpayers billions of dollars; now,
3 therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
5 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby express its support for the
6 enforcement of current immigration laws.