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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 80th Texas  
5 Legislature hereby express its support for the enforcement of  
6 current immigration laws.