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H.C.R. No. 158

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The United States is a nation of immigrants who have
2 built the greatest democracy in the history of mankind; and

3 WHEREAS, The United States at many times during its history
4 has allowed noncitizens to earn citizenship through honorable
5 service in its armed forces; and

6 WHEREAS, Thousands of undocumented children have received a
7 high school degree in Texas and are eager to serve in the United
8 States armed forces, but are ineligible because they were brought
9 to the United States illegally; and

10 WHEREAS, Approximately 40,000 noncitizens with visas or
11 green cards are currently serving loyally in the United States
12 armed forces; and

13 WHEREAS, Many noncitizens serving in the United States armed
14 forces have given their lives in Iraq and Afghanistan during the
15 last 10 years; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the 82nd Legislature of the State of Texas
17 hereby respectfully urge the federal government to grant a
18 conditional green card to noncitizens who (1) have received a high
19 school diploma in the United States, and (2) arrived in this country
20 before the age of 16, to allow them to enlist in the United States
21 armed forces, if otherwise qualified; and, be it further

22 RESOLVED, That the Texas Legislature urge the federal
23 government to award citizenship to these patriotic immigrants upon
24 the completion of four years of honorable service in the United

1 States armed forces; and, be it further

2 RESOLVED, That the Texas secretary of state forward official
3 copies of this resolution to the president of the United States, to
4 the president of the Senate and the speaker of the House of
5 Representatives of the United States Congress, to the secretary of
6 defense, and to all the members of the Texas delegation to Congress
7 with the request that this resolution be entered in the
8 Congressional Record as a memorial to the Congress of the United
9 States of America.