



1 on January 14, an armed man from the Mexican side of the border  
2 fired a high-powered rifle at road workers in Hudspeth County, and  
3 later that month, on January 26, Nancy Shuman Davis, an American  
4 missionary, was driving with her husband about 60 miles south of the  
5 border when she was shot and killed by gunmen; in February, the  
6 United States lost an Immigration and Customs Enforcement agent,  
7 Jaime Zapata, who was assigned to the Immigration and Customs  
8 Enforcement attache office in Mexico City; he and another  
9 Immigration and Customs Enforcement agent, who was injured, were  
10 attacked by unknown assailants while the agents were driving  
11 between Monterrey and Mexico City; and

12 WHEREAS, All of these events, as well as others that have not  
13 been cited or are not yet known, exemplify the inadequacy of federal  
14 border security efforts; the State of Texas has attempted to  
15 address the problem by adding 172 commissioned law enforcement  
16 officers to the border, purchasing five state-of-the-art  
17 helicopters, conducting border security surge operations, and  
18 paying more than \$79 million for overtime, training, equipment, and  
19 technology for local law enforcement officers in just the last four  
20 years; and

21 WHEREAS, Since 2006, law enforcement agencies working  
22 together in Texas have seized more than \$6.8 billion in illegal  
23 drugs and more than \$128 million in cash, along with over 2,600  
24 stolen firearms and weapons and approximately 2,230 stolen  
25 vehicles, all related to drug and human trafficking; and

26 WHEREAS, Texas has repeatedly asked the federal government to  
27 send more border security resources to this state, requesting

1 specifically an increase in manpower of 3,000 border patrol agents  
2 and the deployment of 1,000 Title 32 National Guard troops and at  
3 least one Texas-based and dedicated unmanned aircraft like those  
4 being used in North Dakota and Arizona; and

5 WHEREAS, At an average salary of \$60,000 a year, the cost of  
6 tripling the number of border patrol agents along our border with  
7 Mexico would cost the federal government less than \$2.5 billion,  
8 while the estimated costs of illegal immigration exceed that amount  
9 in Texas alone; and

10 WHEREAS, Texas taxpayers have spent billions compensating  
11 for the lack of federal resources provided to the state; in just one  
12 example, Texas prisons house nearly 12,000 violent offenders that  
13 claim foreign citizenship, and the state bears the entire cost of  
14 housing and prosecuting those offenders; at an average cost of \$47  
15 per day, that is over \$200 million per year that the federal  
16 government's failure to secure our border is costing Texans; at the  
17 very least, the federal government should be responsible for the  
18 cost of housing illegal immigrants who have been convicted of  
19 committing a crime in the State of Texas and the state should be  
20 reimbursed for its recent expenses in this regard; and

21 WHEREAS, Moreover, despite Texas' repeated requests that the  
22 federal government cease and desist transferring illegal aliens  
23 from other parts of the country to southwest Texas, the federal  
24 government continues to do so as part of the federal Alien Transfer  
25 and Exit Program; and

26 WHEREAS, Worse yet, Immigration and Customs Enforcement  
27 director John Morton released a memo stating that the agency did not

1 have enough resources to deport all apprehended illegal aliens and  
2 instructed Immigration and Customs Enforcement employees to  
3 prioritize the apprehension and removal of aliens, effectively  
4 giving many of them a free pass and handicapping local law  
5 enforcement; and

6 WHEREAS, The inability of Washington to develop some form of  
7 comprehensive immigration reform that might address this border  
8 security problem puts an unfair and unreasonable burden on the  
9 entire state, but in particular on Texas border communities, which  
10 already struggle to keep their streets and neighborhoods safe from  
11 spillover gang violence; and

12 WHEREAS, The federal government imposes immigration laws on  
13 our state while withholding both the funding and the manpower  
14 necessary to effectively enforce those laws, and this broken system  
15 has punished Texas taxpayers for far too long; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the 82nd Legislature of the State of Texas  
17 hereby urge the members of the Texas congressional delegation to  
18 provide to the legislature a cost analysis of the exact funding  
19 necessary for full enforcement of all immigration laws in Texas and  
20 to immediately report to the legislature as to the status of that  
21 funding; and, be it further

22 RESOLVED, That the lieutenant governor of Texas and the  
23 speaker of the Texas House of Representatives send a delegation of  
24 members from both chambers to meet with members of Congress and  
25 members of the executive branch to discuss the ongoing border  
26 security crisis; and, be it further

27 RESOLVED, That the Texas secretary of state forward official

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1 copies of this resolution to the president of the United States, to  
2 the president of the Senate and the speaker of the House of  
3 Representatives of the United States Congress, and to all the  
4 members of the Texas delegation to Congress with the request that  
5 this resolution be entered in the Congressional Record as a  
6 memorial to the Congress of the United States of America.