

1-1 By: Estes, et al. S.C.R. No. 6
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed January 17, 2013; January 29, 2013,
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Agriculture, Rural
1-4 Affairs, and Homeland Security; March 4, 2013, reported favorably
1-5 by the following vote: Yeas 5, Nays 0; March 4, 2013, sent to
1-6 printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>PNV</u>
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1-9	<u>Estes</u>	<u>X</u>		
1-10	<u>Uresti</u>	<u>X</u>		
1-11	<u>Hegar</u>	<u>X</u>		
1-12	<u>Hinojosa</u>	<u>X</u>		
1-13	<u>Schwertner</u>	<u>X</u>		

1-14 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1-15 WHEREAS, It is the responsibility of the federal government
1-16 to fully maintain the security of the Texas-Mexico international
1-17 border; and

1-18 WHEREAS, The federal government has neglected its duty to
1-19 fully maintain the security of the Texas-Mexico international
1-20 border; and

1-21 WHEREAS, An unprotected border facilitates drug smuggling
1-22 and human trafficking and opens the door to spillover violence from
1-23 criminal cartels; moreover, the ease with which members of
1-24 terrorist organizations can enter the country poses a grave threat
1-25 to homeland security; and

1-26 WHEREAS, The federal government's failure to prevent illegal
1-27 entry has shifted much of the responsibility to the State of Texas;
1-28 consequently, budget writers must weigh the costs of border
1-29 security against the expense of other state services; during the
1-30 2012-2013 budget cycle, Texas appropriated \$221,600,000 for border
1-31 security operations; and

1-32 WHEREAS, The executive branch and the United States Congress
1-33 have consistently delayed meaningful action on border security,
1-34 forcing Texas to expend significant resources to keep the
1-35 Texas-Mexico international border secure and placing an undue
1-36 burden on the state's taxpayers; now, therefore, be it

1-37 RESOLVED, That the 83rd Legislature of the State of Texas
1-38 hereby express its dissatisfaction with the federal government's
1-39 inadequate efforts to secure the Texas-Mexico international
1-40 border; and, be it further

1-41 RESOLVED, That the 83rd Legislature of the State of Texas
1-42 hereby respectfully urge the Congress of the United States to
1-43 reimburse the State of Texas in the amount of \$221,600,000 for
1-44 bearing the financial burden of the federal government's
1-45 responsibility to secure the Texas-Mexico international border
1-46 during the 2012-2013 budget cycle; and, be it further

1-47 RESOLVED, That the Texas secretary of state forward official
1-48 copies of this resolution to the president of the United States, to
1-49 the speaker of the house of representatives and to the president of
1-50 the senate of the United States Congress, and to all the members of
1-51 the Texas delegation to Congress with the request that this
1-52 resolution be entered in the Congressional Record as a memorial to
1-53 the Congress of the United States of America.

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