



1 United States in 2010, which was a higher percentage than the  
2 immigrant share of the population or labor force; and immigrant  
3 owned businesses employed 4.7 million people and had \$776 billion  
4 in receipts in 2007; and

5 WHEREAS, The Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy found  
6 that undocumented immigrants have contributed over \$1.6 billion in  
7 state and local taxes in 2010 alone; and

8 WHEREAS, A 2010 report by the Economic Policy Institute found  
9 that immigration increased wages of native born workers from 1994  
10 to 2007; and

11 WHEREAS, A study by The Perryman Group found that Texas would  
12 lose \$69.3 billion in economic activity, \$30.8 billion in gross  
13 state product, and approximately 403,000 jobs if all undocumented  
14 immigrants were removed from the state; and

15 WHEREAS, The 77th Legislature of the State of Texas granted  
16 in-state tuition to undocumented immigrants, allowing over 22,000  
17 students to realize their educational goals and contribute to the  
18 Texas economy; and

19 WHEREAS, The United States requires secure borders to  
20 maintain its integrity as a sovereign nation; now, therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That the 83rd Legislature of the State of Texas  
22 hereby urge the United States Congress to thoughtfully and swiftly  
23 enact a comprehensive reform of our immigration system that  
24 provides undocumented immigrants a clear path to citizenship,  
25 promotes public safety, national security, economic prosperity,  
26 and the wellbeing of all those living and working in the United  
27 States; and, be it further

1           RESOLVED, That the Texas secretary of state forward official  
2 copies of this resolution to the president of the United States, the  
3 president of the senate and the speaker of the house of  
4 representatives of the United States Congress, and to all the  
5 members of the Texas delegation to the congress.