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HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND 9 THE CONGRESS TO SECURE OUR NATION'S BORDERS (AND 10 TO DEVELOP A COMPREHENSIVE IMMIGRATION POLICY.) 11

Subtitle

REQUESTING THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE CONGRESS TO SECURE OUR NATION'S BORDERS AND TO DEVELOP A COMPREHENSIVE IMMIGRATION POLICY.

WHEREAS, it is the duty of the federal government to secure its borders and protect the security of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the growing number of illegal aliens currently in the United States demonstrates that existing immigration laws and enforcement measures are not sufficient to stop illegal aliens from crossing our borders; and

WHEREAS, the failure of federal immigration law and practices to adequately address illegal immigration causes a drain on limited state resources for Arkansas' educational, social services, judicial, law enforcement, and penal systems, and thereby causing an economic hardship on the State of Arkansas and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the failure of federal immigration law and practices causes our citizens to question, if the federal government cannot secure our borders from illegal immigration, how can our nation secure its borders to protect its citizens from foreign terrorism and the importation of illegal drugs; and

WHEREAS, the failure of federal immigration law and practices has caused Arkansas citizens and the citizens of other states to look to state and local government to solve immigration problems that can only be adequately addressed by a comprehensive and vigorous federal effort to secure our borders and to provide foreign workers and visitors reasonable access to our country,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

That the members of the House of Representatives respectfully request that President George W. Bush and the members of Congress take swift action to enhance and enforce federal immigration law in order to provide a comprehensive national resolution to the illegal immigration problem that exists in Arkansas and throughout the nation, and that federal action include, but not be limited to:

(1) Securing our nation's borders by stopping unlawful entry that is now made by many means of transportation;

(2) Developing a guest worker program that efficiently and quickly processes applicants for guest worker status while adequately screening applicants for criminal backgrounds and employability;

(3) Developing a guest worker taxation system that, in addition to emergency services, would be used to provide limited basic health care services to guest workers;

(4) Cooperating with and assisting other countries in developing procedures and databases in those countries necessary for criminal background checks, the listing of each citizenship held, the employment skills, and the educational background of a visitor or immigrant to the United States; and

(5) Cooperating with the State of Arkansas and other states in order to address current problems faced in the states by the illegal immigration that now exists.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon adoption of this resolution, the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives shall forward copies of this resolution to President George W. Bush, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives and the President of the United States Senate, and to all the members of the Arkansas congressional delegation with the request that this resolution be officially entered in the Congressional Record.