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7 **HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

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21 WHEREAS, the national debate over immigration is causing great  
22 controversy throughout the United States; and

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24 WHEREAS, measures addressing immigration are also being extensively  
25 debated in state legislatures across the nation; and

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27 WHEREAS, since 1875, when the United States Supreme Court stated that  
28 "the passage of laws which concern the admission of citizens and subjects of  
29 foreign nations to our shores belongs to Congress, and not to the States"  
30 (Chy Lung v. Freeman, 92 U.S. 275), states have been severely restricted in  
31 their authority to pass legislation governing those individuals not lawfully  
32 present within their borders; and

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34 WHEREAS, in recent years, opportunities for the United States Congress  
35 to resolve many pressing immigration issues have failed and left states  
36 bearing the brunt of these problems as they affect the health, safety, and



1 welfare of their citizens with little or no authority to act; and

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3 WHEREAS, if the United States Congress will not act decisively to  
4 address the nation's immigration policy challenges, it should grant the  
5 states the authority to resolve their unique immigration issues within their  
6 borders,

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8 NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-  
9 EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

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11 THAT the House of Representatives and Senate of the Eighty-eighth  
12 General Assembly urges the Arkansas congressional delegation to sponsor and  
13 support legislation to resolve the immigration policy issues facing the  
14 United States.

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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House of Representatives and Senate of  
17 the Eighty-eighth General Assembly strongly urges the United States Congress  
18 to take swift and decisive action to resolve the many pressing immigration  
19 issues facing the nation and the states.

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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House of Representatives and Senate of  
22 the Eighty-eighth General Assembly urges that if the United States Congress  
23 does not have the collective will to resolve the immigration issues facing  
24 the nations and the states, that the United States Congress should act to  
25 grant authority to the states to resolve the immigration policy challenges  
26 within their own borders.

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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House of Representatives and Senate of  
29 the Eighty-eighth General Assembly calls upon the Arkansas congressional  
30 delegation to advance legislation giving the state of Arkansas the authority  
31 to manage immigration policy and actions within its borders.

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33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Clerk of the House of  
34 Representatives deliver a copy of this resolution to each member of  
35 Arkansas's congressional delegation, the Speaker of the United States House  
36 of Representatives, and the President Pro Tempore of the United States

1 Senate.

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