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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

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

### Subtitle

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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



1           WHEREAS, the failure of federal immigration law and practices causes  
2 our citizens to question, if the federal government cannot secure our borders  
3 from illegal immigration, how can our nation secure its borders to protect  
4 its citizens from foreign terrorism and the importation of illegal drugs; and  
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6           WHEREAS, the failure of federal immigration law and practices has  
7 caused Arkansas citizens and the citizens of other states to look to state  
8 and local government to solve immigration problems that can only be  
9 adequately addressed by a comprehensive and vigorous federal effort to secure  
10 our borders and to provide foreign workers and visitors reasonable access to  
11 our country,  
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13 NOW THEREFORE,

14 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-SIXTH GENERAL  
15 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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17           That the members of the House of Representatives respectfully request  
18 that President George W. Bush and the members of Congress take swift action  
19 to enhance and enforce federal immigration law in order to provide a  
20 comprehensive national resolution to the illegal immigration problem that  
21 exists in Arkansas and throughout the nation, and that federal action  
22 include, but not be limited to:

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

25           (2) Developing a guest worker *program (this does not mean amnesty)*  
26 that efficiently and quickly processes applicants for guest worker status  
27 while adequately screening applicants for criminal backgrounds and  
28 employability;

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

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

36           (5) Cooperating with the State of Arkansas and other states in order

1 to address current problems faced in the states by the illegal immigration  
2 that now exists.

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon adoption of this resolution, the Chief  
5 Clerk of the House of Representatives shall forward copies of this resolution  
6 to *President George W. Bush, Speaker of the United States House of*  
7 *Representatives Nancy Pelosi, United State Senate President Pro Tempore*  
8 *Robert C. Byrd, and to United States Senator Blanche L. Lincoln, United*  
9 *States Senator Mark Pryor, United State Congressman Marion Berry, United*  
10 *States Congressman John Boozman, United States Congressman Mike Ross, and*  
11 *United States Congressman Vic Snyder with the request that this resolution be*  
12 *officially entered in the Congressional Record.*

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*/s/ Medley, et al*

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