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Providing that the executive branch should remove certain entry restrictions for Mexican nationals, and for other purposes.

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Mr. ORTIZ (for himself, Mr. HINOJOSA, and Mr. RODRIGUEZ) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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RESOLUTION

Providing that the executive branch should remove certain entry restrictions for Mexican nationals, and for other purposes.

Whereas the United States-Mexico border economy enriches the southern United States border States;

Whereas the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), approved by Congress in 1993, created a huge upsurge in the United States economy fueled by NAFTA-associated commerce;

Whereas the free flow of cross-border commerce is essential to the national and local economies;

Whereas fairness demands that the international border policy of the United States treat friendly neighbors equally; and

Whereas the Department of Homeland Security announced a United States Visitor and Immigrant Status Indicator Technology (US-VISIT) concept in May 2003 to implement an entry/exit system at the 50 largest land border ports of entry by the end of 2004, and at all land border ports of entry by the end of 2005, but has yet to disclose an implementation plan for the system: Now, therefore, be it

1   *Resolved,* That—

2   (1) the executive branch should amend the per-
3   missible period of entry for users of the Laser Visa
4   (Border Crossing Card), and should remove the 25-
5   mile restriction on travel by Mexican nationals in the
6   United States, in order to more accurately reflect
7   the economic and social realities of the United
8   States-Mexico border region; and

9   (2) in developing the United States Visitor and
10   Immigrant Status Indicator Technology (US-VISIT)
11   for land ports, the executive branch should take into
12   consideration national security and any potential
13   harm to any of the economies of the NAFTA coun-
14   tries and the economies of the border regions of
15   those countries.

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