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H. CON. RES. 83

Expressing the sense of the Congress that State and local governments should be supported for taking actions to discourage illegal immigration and that legislation should be enacted to ease the burden on State and local governments for taking such actions.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. POE (for himself, Mr. GRAVES, Mr. GINGREY, Mr. DAVIS of Kentucky, Mr. SIMPSON, Mr. GOODE, Mr. WAMP, Mr. AKIN, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. JONES of North Carolina, Mr. GARY G. MILLER of California, Mr. FEENEY, Mr. HUNTER, Mrs. MYRICK, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. MARCHANT, Mr. MCHENRY, Mr. FORBES, Mr. DOOLITTLE, Mr. MCCRERY, Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida, Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey, Mr. MCCAUL of Texas, Mr. CAMPBELL of California, Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. ROYCE, Mr. ROHRBACHER, and Mr. BILBRAY) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Homeland Security, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Congress that State and local governments should be supported for taking actions to discourage illegal immigration and that legislation should be enacted to ease the burden on State and local governments for taking such actions.

Whereas the Federal Government has failed to take adequate measures to curb illegal immigration;

Whereas the failure by the Federal Government to curb illegal immigration has placed, and continues to place, a substantial burden on State and local government agencies to address illegal immigration;

Whereas many State and local government agencies have worked actively to discourage illegal immigration and to assist in the enforcement of our Nation's immigration laws;

Whereas such actions and assistance have come at great expense to State and local governments;

Whereas numerous State legislatures, such as those in Arizona, Colorado, Tennessee, Michigan, Pennsylvania, and Virginia, have introduced legislation or placed initiatives and referendums on the ballot to enhance the ability of State and local agencies to discourage illegal immigration and to ease the burden placed on the States;

Whereas numerous local governments, such as those in Farmers Branch, Texas; Hazelton, Pennsylvania; Nashville, Tennessee; Valley Park, Missouri; Escondido, California; Herndon, Virginia; and Suffolk County, New York, have introduced ordinances to enhance the ability of local governments to discourage illegal immigration and to ease the burden placed on local governments; and

Whereas State and local governments continue to be confronted with the issue of illegal immigration without the prospect of immediate relief from the Federal Government: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
- 2 *concurring), by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
- 3 *concurring), That it is the sense of the Congress that—*

1 (1) State and local government agencies should
2 be supported for taking actions to discourage illegal
3 immigration;

4 (2) current laws governing enforcement of our
5 Nation's immigration laws should be enforced to the
6 highest extent of the law; and

7 (3) enhanced border security and enforcement
8 legislation should be passed quickly in order to ease
9 the burden on State and local government agencies.

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