A RESOLUTION

To urge Congress to appropriate funds to build a physical barrier along the southern border of the United States.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

WHEREAS, Now is the time for Congress to show the world that America is committed to ending illegal immigration and putting the ruthless coyotes, cartels, drug dealers, and human traffickers out of business; and

WHEREAS, The lawless state of our southern border is a threat to the safety, security, and financial well-being of all Americans; and

WHEREAS, We have a moral duty to create an immigration system that protects the lives and jobs of our citizens; and

WHEREAS, That duty includes our obligation to the millions of immigrants living here today who followed the rules and respected our laws; and

WHEREAS, Working class Americans are left to pay the price
for mass illegal immigration in the form of reduced jobs, lower wages, overburdened schools and hospitals, increased crime, and a depleted social safety net; and

WHEREAS, Tolerance for illegal immigration is not compassionate but cruel; and

WHEREAS, One in three women is sexually assaulted on the long journey north; and

WHEREAS, Smugglers use migrant children as human pawns to exploit our laws and gain access to our country; and

WHEREAS, Human traffickers and sex traffickers take advantage of the wide open areas between our ports of entry to smuggle thousands of young girls and women into the United States and to sell them into prostitution and modern-day slavery; and

WHEREAS, The savage gang, MS-13, now operates in twenty different American states, and they almost all come through our southern border; and

WHEREAS, Year after year, countless Americans are murdered by criminal illegal aliens; and

WHEREAS, In the last two years, our brave U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement officers made 266,000 arrests of criminal aliens, including those charged or convicted of nearly 100,000 assaults, 30,000 sex crimes, and 4,000 killings; and

WHEREAS, We should defend our very dangerous southern border out of love and devotion to our fellow citizens and to our country; and

WHEREAS, Not one more American life should be lost because our nation failed to control its very dangerous border; and

WHEREAS, The President of the United States has asked Congress to appropriate $5.7 billion to fund a barrier system
along 234 miles of the southern border; and

WHEREAS, The barrier system is a smart, strategic, see-through steel barrier, not just a simple concrete wall; and

WHEREAS, The barrier system will be deployed in the areas identified by border agents as having the greatest need; and

WHEREAS, According to our border agents, where walls go up, illegal crossings go way down; and

WHEREAS, San Diego used to have the most illegal border crossings in the country; and

WHEREAS, In response, and at the request of San Diego residents and political leaders, a strong security wall was put in place; and

WHEREAS, This powerful barrier almost completely ended illegal crossings; and

WHEREAS, The border city of El Paso, Texas, used to have extremely high rates of violent crime, one of the highest in the country, and was considered one of our nation's most dangerous cities; and

WHEREAS, Now, with a powerful barrier in place, El Paso is one of our safest cities; and

WHEREAS, Walls work and walls save lives; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of Representatives of the State of Ohio, urge Congress to appropriate sufficient funds to build a physical barrier along the southern border of the United States; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the Speaker and Minority Leader of the United States House of
Representatives, to the Majority Leader and Minority Leader of the United States Senate, to Ohio's congressional delegation, and to the news media of Ohio.