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**A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

To urge the United States government to secure its southern border. 1  
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**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF OHIO (THE SENATE CONCURRING):**

WHEREAS, A strong, secure border benefits both the United States and Mexico; and 3  
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WHEREAS, The well-being and safety of the citizens of the United States and Mexico are being jeopardized by the insecure nature of their shared border; and 5  
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WHEREAS, The United States government continuously fails to secure its southern border in a manner that is permanent and sustainable; and 8  
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WHEREAS, It is integral to the security, well-being, and harmony of the people of the United States to sustain a secure southern border; and 11  
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WHEREAS, The dedicated individuals of the United States Customs and Border Protection work diligently and honorably to secure the southern border in the most efficient and humane 14  
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manner; and 17

WHEREAS, Ill-motivated individuals continuously seek to 18  
cause harm, danger, injury, hazard, and peril to those who 19  
protect the United States' borders; and 20

WHEREAS, Those individuals who cross the United States' 21  
southern border without regard for the legal immigration process 22  
circumvent the individuals who show respect for the rule of law; 23  
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WHEREAS, Those same individuals defy the right of the 25  
United States to control its own sovereign territory and 26  
regulate the happenings within its rightful borders; and 27

WHEREAS, The smuggling of contraband, such as drugs and 28  
weapons, as well as human trafficking, have plagued the United 29  
States' southern border; and 30

WHEREAS, In fiscal year 2019, United States Customs and 31  
Border Protection seized more than 289,000 pounds of marijuana, 32  
89,000 pounds of cocaine, 5,400 pounds of heroin, and 68,000 33  
pounds of methamphetamine; and 34

WHEREAS, These illegal drugs are sold, spread, and used 35  
throughout the American citizenry as drug overdoses and abuse 36  
rates reach the highest levels on record in the United States; 37  
and 38

WHEREAS, In order to curb the spread of COVID-19 and end 39  
the COVID-19 pandemic as soon as possible, the United States' 40  
southern border has been closed to all non-essential travel, a 41  
safety measure that is violated by illegal border crossings; and 42

WHEREAS, Without the federal government's strict and 43  
decisive action against these dangerous threats, the criminal 44  
element will be willing and able to further exploit the 45  
opportunity to enter and harm the United States, and the COVID- 46

19 pandemic will be prolonged unnecessarily; now therefore be it 47

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 134th General 48  
Assembly of the State of Ohio, support the investment of 49  
necessary resources by the United States government to ensure a 50  
secure, strong, and sustainable southern border; and be it 51  
further 52

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives 53  
transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the 54  
President Pro Tempore and Secretary of the United States Senate, 55  
the Speaker and Clerk of the United States House of 56  
Representatives, the President and Vice President of the United 57  
States, the members of the Ohio Congressional delegation, and 58  
the news media of Ohio. 59