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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge the United States government to secure its 1
southern border. 2

**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 3
States and Mexico; and 4

WHEREAS, The well-being and safety of the citizens of the 5
United States and Mexico are being jeopardized by the insecure 6
nature of their shared border; and 7

WHEREAS, The United States government continuously fails to 8
secure its southern border in a manner that is permanent and 9
sustainable; and 10

WHEREAS, It is integral to the security, well-being, and 11
harmony of the people of the United States to sustain a secure 12
southern border; and 13

WHEREAS, The dedicated individuals of the United States 14
Customs and Border Protection work diligently and honorably to 15
secure the southern border in the most efficient and humane 16

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
and 24

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