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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 140

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A Resolution supporting efforts to promote comprehensive immigration reforms that encourage legal immigration, deter unauthorized immigration, promote economic growth, and ensure secure borders.

WHEREAS, the government of the United State has an obligation to its citizens to secure its borders and ensure the rule of law in its communities; and

WHEREAS, the government of the United States must strengthen international border security efforts by dedicating adequate and significant resources for technology, personnel, and training for border region enforcement; and

WHEREAS, immigrants have contributed significantly to the strength and economic prosperity of the United States and action must be taken to ensure their fair treatment by employers and protection against fraud and abuse; and

WHEREAS, current immigration laws and the enforcement of such laws are ineffective and do not serve the people of the United States, the national security interests of the United States, or the economic prosperity of the United States; and

WHEREAS, illegal immigration fosters other illegal activity, including human smuggling, trafficking, and document fraud, all of which undermine the national

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1 security interests of the United States; and

2 WHEREAS, illegal immigration burdens states and  
3 local communities with hundreds of millions of dollars  
4 in uncompensated expenses for law enforcement, health  
5 care, education, and other essential services; and

6 WHEREAS, illegal immigration creates an underclass  
7 of workers who are vulnerable to fraud and  
8 exploitation; and

9 WHEREAS, fixing the broken immigration system  
10 requires a comprehensive approach providing adequate  
11 legal channels for immigration and strong enforcement  
12 of immigration laws that will serve the economic,  
13 social, and security interests of the United States;  
14 and

15 WHEREAS, foreign governments, particularly those  
16 that share an international border with the United  
17 States, must play a critical role in securing  
18 international borders and deterring illegal entry of  
19 foreign nationals into the United States; and

20 WHEREAS, comprehensive immigration reform and  
21 strong enforcement of immigration laws will encourage  
22 legal immigration, deter illegal immigration, and  
23 promote the economic and national security interests  
24 of the United States; NOW THEREFORE,

25 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
26 That the House of Representatives urges the Congress  
27 of the Unites States to adopt and immediately  
28 implement sensible and comprehensive immigration  
29 reforms that include the following: establishment of  
30 programs to secure the international borders of the

1 United States of America, including programs for  
2 effective enforcement; penalties for employers and  
3 companies that knowingly hire illegal workers;  
4 establishment of market-based visa programs for  
5 essential workers; encouragement of family unity and  
6 reduction of the backlog of immigration applications;  
7 and reimbursement of emergency health services  
8 furnished to unauthorized persons; and

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the  
10 House of Representatives transmit a copy of this  
11 Resolution to the President of the United States, the  
12 President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of  
13 the United States House of Representatives, and each  
14 member of Iowa's congressional delegation.

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