

1           A RESOLUTION urging Governor Andy Beshear to express support for Governor  
2 Greg Abbott and the State of Texas in their efforts to secure the border.

3           WHEREAS, in fiscal year 2023, United States Customs and Border Protection  
4 reported more than 3.2 million migrant encounters nationwide, of which over 2.4 million  
5 were recorded at the southern border. The total number of apprehensions were almost  
6 equal to the number of births registered in the United States in 2022, at over 3.6 million;  
7 and

8           WHEREAS, by July 2023, the United States Customs and Border Protection  
9 reported that it experienced more than seven million encounters with migrants crossing  
10 the border since President Biden took office, the approximate population of  
11 Massachusetts, the 16th most populous state; and

12           WHEREAS, the Border Patrol processed more migrants who entered the United  
13 States illegally in December 2023 than in any other month in the agency's history; and

14           WHEREAS, the Executive Branch of the United States has a constitutional duty to  
15 enforce federal laws protecting the states, including the immigration laws that are  
16 currently in place; and

17           WHEREAS, the Biden Administration has failed to enforce those laws and has  
18 even violated them, resulting in an unprecedented influx of illegal immigrants entering  
19 the United States; and

20           WHEREAS, a growing number of states are expressing support for the state of  
21 Texas in protecting the United States border from illegal entry. On January 25, 2024, 25  
22 governors recently released the following statement:

23                   "President Biden and his Administration have left Americans and our country  
24 completely vulnerable to unprecedented illegal immigration pouring across the Southern  
25 border. Instead of upholding the rule of law and securing the border, the Biden  
26 Administration has attacked and sued Texas for stepping up to protect American citizens  
27 from historic levels of illegal immigrants, deadly drugs like fentanyl, and terrorists

1 entering our country.

2 We stand in solidarity with our fellow Governor, Greg Abbott, and the State  
3 of Texas in utilizing every tool and strategy, including razor wire fences, to secure the  
4 border. We do it in part because the Biden Administration is refusing to enforce  
5 immigration laws already on the books and is illegally allowing mass parole across  
6 America of migrants who entered our country illegally.

7 The authors of the U.S. Constitution made clear that in times like this, states  
8 have a right of self-defense, under Article 4, Section 4 and Article 1, Section 10, Clause 3  
9 of the U.S. Constitution. Because the Biden Administration has abdicated its  
10 constitutional compact duties to the states, Texas has every legal justification to protect  
11 the sovereignty of our states and our nation."; and

12 WHEREAS, illegal immigration affects all Americans, including the people of the  
13 Commonwealth of Kentucky; and

14 WHEREAS, the Kentucky General Assembly stands with the State of Texas, the  
15 Texas National Guard, the Texas Department of Public Safety, and all personnel acting  
16 pursuant to their lawful authority to secure our southern border. Therefore, the House of  
17 Representatives urges Governor Andy Beshear to join the growing number of governors  
18 across the nation, and express the support of the Commonwealth of Kentucky for the  
19 State of Texas in their efforts to secure the southern border of the United States of  
20 America;

21 NOW, THEREFORE,

22 ***Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the***  
23 ***Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

24 ➔Section 1. The House of Representatives strongly urges Governor Andy  
25 Beshear to express support for Governor Greg Abbott and the State of Texas in their  
26 efforts to secure the southern border.

27 ➔Section 2. The Clerk of the House is directed to transmit a copy of this

- 1 Resolution to Governor Andy Beshear.