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A CONCURRENT MEMORIAL

URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO DIRECT THE APPROPRIATE FEDERAL AGENCIES
TO SECURE THE BORDERS OF THE UNITED STATES.

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1 To the Congress of the United States of America:
2 Your memorialist respectfully represents:
3 Whereas, the United States is in the midst of a border crisis; and
4 Whereas, the sheriffs serving along the borders of the United States
5 are in the epicenter of this crisis; and
6 Whereas, the porous borders of the United States have resulted in the
7 smuggling of contraband and illegal drugs, the exploitation of human beings
8 and the infiltration of subversives bent on doing harm to this country; and
9 Whereas, federal law mandates border security; and
10 Whereas, the quality of life normally enjoyed by the citizens of the
11 United States is being jeopardized by an unsecure border, which enables
12 transnational criminals and their accomplices to prey on the citizens of the
13 United States; and
14 Whereas, border security must be a stand-alone priority for the federal
15 government; and
16 Whereas, violence against public officials, law enforcement and rival
17 drug and human trafficking groups in Mexico continues to escalate and cross
18 international boundaries; and
19 Whereas, the reduction of the federal government's prosecution of the
20 criminal element places the citizens of the United States in harm's way,
21 leaving the burden on local governments to bear the costs associated with the
22 apprehension, prosecution and incarceration of this criminal element; and
23 Whereas, elected sheriffs have a statutory duty to protect and secure
24 the freedoms and liberties of United States citizens and must do so with or
25 without the help of their federal law enforcement partners and policymakers;
26 and
27 Whereas, working with limited budgets and staffing, sheriffs along the
28 southwestern border of the United States and sheriffs across the nation
29 struggle to find ways to enhance the quality of life and safety of those they
30 serve and to deter those who cross our borders to promote their criminal
31 activities; and
32 Whereas, local governments are cognizant of the need to bring relief to
33 United States citizens who are impacted by the lack of border security; and
34 Whereas, without aggressive prosecution of all of those who breach the
35 border and commit criminal acts, the border will continue to serve as an open
36 opportunity for the criminal element to exploit by entering the United States
37 to prey on this country and its citizens.
38 Wherefore, your memorialist, the Senate of the State of Arizona, the House of
39 Representatives concurring, prays:
40 1. That the United States Congress direct the appropriate federal
41 agencies to do the following:
42 (a) Fully secure all of the borders of the United States.
43 (b) Fully reimburse sheriffs for the costs associated with the housing
44 of illegal aliens who are being charged with state crimes.

1 (c) Return to the original guidelines as set forth in Operation
2 Streamline for the prosecution of persons crossing the United States border
3 illegally.

4 2. That the Secretary of State of the State of Arizona transmit copies
5 of this Memorial to the President of the United States, the Speaker of the
6 United States House of Representatives, the President of the United States
7 Senate and each Member of Congress from the State of Arizona.