

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 6009

By Representatives Ward, Davis, Dillmore and Henry

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9 A RESOLUTION urging the Congress of the United States to control
10 the borders, prevent illegal immigration and alleviate the logistical and
11 financial burden currently resting on states and private businesses.
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13 WHEREAS, Currently, 1.6 million legal and illegal immigrants arrive
14 in the United States each year and only 350,000 immigrants leave each
15 year, resulting in net immigration of 1.25 million legal and illegal immi-
16 grants in the United States each year; and

17 WHEREAS, Recent government and academic estimates indicate
18 there are between 10 million and 13 million illegal immigrants currently
19 living in the United States, with nearly 90,000 residing in the state of
20 Kansas; and

21 WHEREAS, The federal government's E-verify, the free system that
22 allows employers to confirm the legal working status of employees, is not
23 mandatory for all employers; and

24 WHEREAS, Federal law requires states to provide free emergency
25 medical care for the poor, as well as free K-12 education to all children,
26 regardless of immigration status; and

27 WHEREAS, Twice in the last two years, efforts by Congress to over-
28 haul the nation's immigration laws have failed, leaving the burden on
29 states to provide solutions for the myriad problems arising from illegal
30 immigration; and

31 WHEREAS, Many states have attempted to address the problem of
32 illegal immigration, which has resulted in a patchwork of laws that are
33 difficult for citizens to comply with and typically shift the burden to sur-
34 rounding states; and

35 WHEREAS, Enforcement of federal immigration laws is a federal re-
36 sponsibility and should remain so; and

37 WHEREAS, The burden of incarcerating unauthorized immigrants
38 who have committed crimes, been convicted and are serving time in state
39 and local jails should be fully borne by the federal government; and

40 WHEREAS, The federal government should ensure that state and local
41 governments have a reliable, guaranteed funding source to manage the
42 fiscal impacts of providing health, education and social services to im-
43 migrant populations, including temporary and guest workers: Now,

1 therefore,

2 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas:*
3 That we urge the Congress of the United States to control the borders
4 and address the burden placed on states by immigrants accessing health
5 care, public education and other social services, by expediting the E-
6 verify system and appropriating sufficient funds to enforce current laws
7 that return illegal immigrants to their country of origin; and

8 *Be it further resolved:* That the Chief Clerk of the House of Repre-
9 sentatives provide an enrolled copy of this resolution to the President of
10 the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker
11 of the United States House of Representatives and to each member of
12 the Kansas Congressional Delegation.