Senators Colbeck, Schuitmaker and Kowall offered the following concurrent resolution: Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 21.

A concurrent resolution to praise the U.S. House of Representatives for passing the No Sanctuary for Criminals Act and to urge the U.S. Senate to swiftly pass this legislation for the safety of American families and communities.

Whereas, Illegal immigration has been and continues to be a major problem in America that is only exacerbated by sanctuary policies. Under sanctuary policies, local units of government have directed officers, officials, and employees not to fully comply, cooperate, or communicate with federal immigration authorities regarding immigration law and enforcement; and

Whereas, Sanctuary cities, including those in Michigan, that do not uphold federal immigration law make our communities less safe. Illegal immigrants, especially those that commit crimes against American citizens, must be held accountable and be properly dealt with under our country's immigration laws; and

Whereas, Government officials at all levels—national, state, and local—must follow federal immigration law and work with federal immigration agents. It is when we work in concert that we can have an orderly immigration system that allows upstanding immigrants to enter the country legally while ensuring criminals are sent away and kept from our great nation; and

Whereas, In June 2017, the U.S. House of Representatives passed the No Sanctuary for Criminals Act (H.R. 3003) to stop sanctuary city policies. Among other things, the measure prohibits governmental officials at all levels, including locally, from not complying with federal immigration laws and enforcement. Government entities that are noncompliant can lose certain federal grant money and assistance for not enforcing our country's laws. This important legislation must continue to be advanced in the U.S. Congress and become law; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That we praise the U.S. House of Representatives for passing the No Sanctuary for Criminals Act and urge the U.S. Senate to swiftly pass this legislation for the safety of American families and communities; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.