

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.196

Reps. DeBoyer, Cavitt, Schmaltz, Harris, St. Germaine, Fox, Posthumus, Slagh, Borton, Rigas, BeGole, Zorn, Smit, Tisdell, Martin, Alexander, Phil Green, Aragona, Steele, Hoadley, Wozniak, Beson and Kunse offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to urge the Governor of Michigan to support the
2 rights of the state of Texas and call on the federal government to
3 enforce federal immigration laws.

4 Whereas, Texas, as one of the United States, possesses
5 inherent rights to self-governance and sovereignty. Texas has
6 exercised these rights throughout its long history of defending its
7 borders and preserving its unique American heritage; and

8 Whereas, Recent federal actions, and inactions, have raised
9 concerns about encroachments on Texas' sovereignty, particularly in
10 matters concerning border security and immigration enforcement. New

1 Department of Homeland Security guidelines require the
2 consideration of mitigating factors when deciding whether to remove
3 aliens who have engaged in serious criminal conduct, and aliens are
4 not considered a threat to border security if they unlawfully
5 entered the United States before November 2020; and

6 Whereas, Texas has demonstrated a strong commitment to
7 maintaining the integrity and security of its borders despite
8 federal opposition. Texas has invested resources in mechanisms to
9 deter unlawful entry into the United States, such as installing a
10 floating barrier in the Rio Grande River that makes it more
11 difficult to cross from Mexico into Texas and laying concertina
12 wire along several sections of the riverbank. The federal
13 government sued the state of Texas to prevent the use of the
14 floating barrier, and Border Patrol agents have moved or cut
15 portions of the concertina wire, allowing migrants to cross the
16 river without interference. Texas is currently defending its
17 actions to promote border security in court; and

18 Whereas, The people of Texas have the right to determine their
19 own laws and policies in accordance with their values and
20 priorities; now, therefore, be it

21 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we urge the
22 Governor of Michigan to express her full support for the Governor
23 of Texas as he continues to fight for his state's right to
24 sovereignty and self-determination; and be it further

25 Resolved, That we urge the Governor of Michigan to stand in
26 solidarity with the Governor of Texas in the defense of Texas'
27 inherent right to sovereignty and security; and be it further

28 Resolved, That we call on the federal government to reverse
29 course and enforce federal immigration law while also respecting

1 the sovereignty of Texas, and to refrain from any actions that
2 infringe upon its rights to control its own borders and enforce its
3 own laws.