

1 A RESOLUTION urging Governor Andy Beshear to support Governor Greg
2 Abbott in securing the Texas border.

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

6 WHEREAS, President Biden has failed to enforce those laws and has even violated
7 them, resulting in an unprecedented influx of illegal immigrants entering the United
8 States; and

9 WHEREAS, President Biden has violated his oath to faithfully execute immigration
10 laws enacted by Congress; and

11 WHEREAS, as a result of the President's dereliction of his constitutional duty,
12 more than six million illegal immigrants have crossed the southern border in three years,
13 surpassing the total population of approximately 33 states in this country; and

14 WHEREAS, in fiscal year 2023, United States Customs and Border Protection
15 reported over 3.2 million encounters, of which over 2.4 million were recorded at the
16 southern border. The total number of apprehensions were almost equal to the number of
17 births registered in the United States in 2022, at over 3.6 million; and

18 WHEREAS, the Border Patrol processed more migrants who entered the United
19 States illegally in December 2023 than in any other month in the agency's history. In the
20 words of a former immigration official under Presidents George W. Bush and Barack
21 Obama, "It's an unsustainable number of arrivals"; and

22 WHEREAS, with the Border Patrol overwhelmed by the large number of migrants
23 to process, it is being compelled to get people through as quickly as possible, leading to a
24 less vigorous vetting process; and

25 WHEREAS, the inability of the Border Patrol to adequate vet and process the
26 unprecedented number of migrants entering the United States leaves the country
27 vulnerable to increases in crime, terrorism, drug overdose deaths, housing shortages,

1 human trafficking, and the potential for unprecedented harm on all persons in the United
2 States and this Commonwealth; and

3 WHEREAS, the failure of the President to enforce immigration laws makes every
4 state a border state; and

5 WHEREAS, Article IV, Section 4 of the Constitution of the United States promises
6 that the federal government "shall protect each [State] against invasion."; and

7 WHEREAS, Article I, Section 10, Clause 3 of the Constitution of the United States
8 acknowledges the States' sovereign interest in protecting their borders; and

9 WHEREAS, because the Biden Administration has failed to fulfill the duties
10 imposed by Article IV of the Constitution, Texas, and by extension Governor Abbott, has
11 been left with no choice but to invoke Article I, Section 10, Clause 3 to preserve its self-
12 defense; and

13 WHEREAS, by invoking Article I, Section 10, Clause 3 of the Constitution of the
14 United States, Governor Abbott is acting within his constitutional authority to protect
15 Texas from external forces that have the potential to cause irreparable harm to citizens of
16 that state; and

17 WHEREAS, governors of approximately 25 states have already announced their
18 support for the State of Texas and Governor Abbott; and

19 WHEREAS, this honorable body strongly urges the Governor to stand with and
20 support Governor Abbott in his noble quest to secure the Texas border and to provide any
21 necessary resources to assist in securing the border;

22 NOW, THEREFORE,

23 ***Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of***
24 ***Kentucky:***

25 ➔Section 1. The Senate strongly urges Governor Andy Beshear to support Texas
26 Governor Greg Abbott in his valiant efforts to secure the Texas border and to provide any
27 necessary resources to assist Governor Abbott in his pursuit.

- 1 ➔Section 2. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
- 2 Resolution to Governor Andy Beshear.