

1 A RESOLUTION calling upon Governor Andy Beshear to support Texas Governor
2 Greg 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's administration of those laws has resulted in an
7 unprecedented influx of illegal immigrants entering the United States; and

8 WHEREAS, as a result of President Biden's handling of the security of the southern
9 border of the United States, more than six million illegal immigrants have crossed the
10 southern border in three years; and

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

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

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

22 WHEREAS, the inability of the Border Patrol to adequately vet and process the
23 unprecedented number of migrants entering the United States leaves the country
24 vulnerable to increases in crime, terrorism, drug overdose deaths, housing shortages,
25 human trafficking, and the potential for unprecedented harm on all persons in the United
26 States and this Commonwealth; and

27 WHEREAS, we are a nation of immigrants, and the orderly and legal

1 administration of immigration brings in people who have and continue to make
2 significant contributions to our economy and society; and

3 WHEREAS, the unchecked flow of illegal immigrants creates a deterrent to those
4 who follow the law when seeking to enter the United States; 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, by invoking Article I, Section 10, Clause 3 of the Constitution of the
10 United States, Governor Abbott is acting within his constitutional authority to protect
11 Texas from external forces that have the potential to cause irreparable harm to citizens of
12 that state; and

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

15 WHEREAS, the Kentucky General Assembly stands with the State of Texas, the
16 Texas National Guard , the Texas Department of Public Safety, and all personnel acting
17 pursuant to their lawful authority to secure our southern border. Therefore, the Senate
18 urges Governor Andy Beshear to join the growing number of governors across the nation,
19 and express the support of the Commonwealth of Kentucky for the State of Texas in their
20 efforts to secure the southern border of the United States of America; and

21 WHEREAS, the General Assembly strongly urges the Governor to stand with and
22 support Governor Abbott in his noble quest to secure the Texas border and to provide any
23 necessary resources to assist in securing the border;

24 NOW, THEREFORE,

25 ***Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of***
26 ***Kentucky:***

27 ➔Section 1. The Senate calls upon Governor Beshear to support Texas Governor

1 Abbott in his valiant efforts to secure the Texas border and to provide any necessary
2 resources to assist Governor Abbott in his pursuit.

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