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Introduced by
Representative Ableser

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

DECLARING PRINCIPLES TO GUIDE IMMIGRATION DISCUSSION.

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1 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Arizona, the
2   Senate concurring:
3   That in discussing immigration issues the citizens of this state should
4 be guided by the following principles:
5   1. Immigration is a federal policy issue between the United States
6 government and other countries, not Arizona and other countries. Arizona's
7 congressional delegation, and others, should lead efforts to strengthen
8 federal laws and protect our national borders and state leaders should adopt
9 reasonable policies addressing immigrants in Arizona.
10   2. We respect the rule of law and support the professional judgment
11 and discretion of law enforcement authorities. Local law enforcement
12 resources should focus on criminal activities, not civil violations of the
13 federal code.
14   3. Strong families are the foundation of successful communities. We
15 oppose policies that unnecessarily separate families. We champion policies
16 that support families and improve the health, education and well-being of all
17 Arizona children.
18   4. Arizona is best served by a free-market philosophy that maximizes
19 individual freedom and opportunity. We acknowledge the economic role
20 immigrants play as workers and taxpayers. Arizona's immigration policies
21 must reaffirm our global reputation as a welcoming and business-friendly
22 state.
23   5. Immigrants are integrated into communities across Arizona. We must
24 adopt a humane approach to this reality, reflecting our unique culture,
25 history and spirit of inclusion. The way we treat immigrants says more about
26 us as a free society and less about our immigrant neighbors. Arizona should
27 always be a place that welcomes people of goodwill.