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## **HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 2029**

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

COMMENDING THE AGENTS OF THE UNITED STATES BORDER PATROL.

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1           Whereas, the southern border consists of 1,993 miles of varied  
2 terrain, including deserts, rugged mountainous areas, forests and coastal  
3 areas; and

4           Whereas, officially established in 1924 by an act of Congress in  
5 response to increasing illegal immigration, the United States Border  
6 Patrol has primary responsibility for securing the border between ports of  
7 entry; and

8           Whereas, Border Patrol agents patrol international land borders and  
9 waterways to detect and prevent the illegal trafficking of people,  
10 narcotics and contraband into the United States; and

11           Whereas, the southern border of the United States is experiencing  
12 unprecedented numbers of individuals attempting to enter the country  
13 illegally; and

14           Whereas, in June 2019, over 100,000 individuals were apprehended at  
15 the southern border, which is an increase of more than 140% as compared to  
16 June 2018; and

17           Whereas, the Border Patrol establishes and maintains partnerships  
18 with local, state, federal, tribal and international law enforcement  
19 partners, as well as local ranchers and other private citizens who own  
20 much of the land along the southwest border; and

21           Whereas, Border Patrol agents work in dynamic environments with  
22 multiple and varied threats that are constantly changing and evolving; and

23           Whereas, Border Patrol agents responded admirably to the COVID-19  
24 pandemic, efficiently implementing the resulting new policies and  
25 procedures to ensure the safety of the public; and

26           Whereas, the Border Patrol protects the United States against  
27 terrorists and instruments of terror; and

28           Whereas, created in 2003, the United States Immigration and Customs  
29 Enforcement (ICE) conducts transnational criminal investigations to  
30 identify and interdict myriad smuggling and cross-border illegal activity.  
31 The work of ICE is critical to enforcing immigration law against people  
32 who present a threat to national security, are a danger to public safety  
33 or undermine the integrity of the immigration system; and

34           Whereas, demonstrating courage and valor in protecting our nation,  
35 Border Patrol agents serve the American people with vigilance, integrity  
36 and professionalism.

37 Therefore

38 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Arizona,  
39 the Senate concurring:

40           1. That the Members of the Legislature commend the courage,  
41 dedication and sacrifice of the men and women of the United States Border  
42 Patrol and recognize the vital role they play in safeguarding our state  
43 and nation.

44           2. That the Secretary of State of the State of Arizona transmit  
45 copies of this Resolution to the President of the United States and each  
46 Member of Congress from the State of Arizona.

PASSED BY THE HOUSE MARCH 3, 2021.

PASSED BY THE SENATE APRIL 1, 2021.

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE APRIL 5, 2021.