

PROPOSED

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AMENDMENTS TO S.C.R. 1011

(Reference to Senate engrossed bill)

1 Strike page 1, insert:

2 "Whereas, the southern border consists of 1,954 miles of varied
3 terrain, including deserts, rugged mountainous areas, forests and coastal
4 areas; and

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

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

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

15 Whereas, there has been a major increase in both apprehensions and
16 expulsions on the southwest border since January of 2021, with over 70,000
17 expulsions and 26,000 apprehensions taking place in February; and

18 Whereas, many people are smuggled into the United States, by
19 "coyotes" and criminal syndicates, in abusive, cruel and unsafe conditions,
20 many times under false promises; and

21 Whereas, in January and February of 2021, the Border Patrol
22 encountered more than 15,000 unaccompanied minors; and

1 Whereas, the Border Patrol is holding over 3,000 children in
2 detention, a record high; and

3 Whereas, an uncontrolled border is a security and humanitarian
4 crises, endangering the safety of American citizens with the harmful threat
5 of COVID-19 (SARS-CoV-2) and subjecting unaccompanied minors to poor
6 conditions; and

7 Whereas, the Biden administration has halted construction of a
8 southern border wall, and there are numerous unfinished sections in
9 Arizona."

10 Page 2, strike everything after the resolving clause and insert:

11 "1. That the Members of the Legislature call on the President and
12 Congress to take immediate and decisive action to secure the southern
13 border and stymie the security and humanitarian crises associated with any
14 further illegal immigration and to as quickly as possible shore up the
15 southern border by completing the southern border wall.

16 2. That the Secretary of State of the State of Arizona transmit a
17 copy of this Resolution to the President of the United States, the
18 President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States
19 House of Representatives and each Member of Congress from the State of
20 Arizona."

21 Amend title to conform

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