

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 26

WHEREAS, immigration is a federal issue and Missouri residents value the protection of the borders of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Missouri residents value family and community and desire to avoid the separation of children from parents as long as a felony has not been committed by a parent; and

WHEREAS, Missouri residents respect the decisions made by local law enforcement as well as their judgments and support their focus on criminal activity in the state; and

WHEREAS, Missouri residents value a thriving economy and acknowledge that the state is only as successful as its tax payers; and

WHEREAS, the immigrant community in Missouri is a growing community which contributes meaningful employment within the state and pays taxes which bolster state revenues further enhancing the ability of the state to maintain its programs; and

WHEREAS, Missouri residents encourage and support the immigrant community to forge a path to become residents of this state and citizens of this country; and

WHEREAS, as all people are created equal to live freely in their pursuit of happiness, this nation must adopt a humane approach to treating all people with the same dignity and respect our founding fathers fought for in gaining our independence:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the Missouri Senate, Ninety-seventh General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the House of Representatives concurring therein, hereby urge law enforcement of this state to focus on criminal activity within the state and not on civil violations of federal law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the Missouri Senate, Ninety-seventh General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the House of Representatives concurring therein, hereby urge the United States Congress to aid in changing the federal immigration policy in accordance with the aforementioned principles for the betterment of this great country; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Missouri Senate be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution for the President of the United States, the President Pro Tempore of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, each member of the Missouri Congressional delegation, and the superintendent of the Missouri State Highway Patrol.