

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 22

Whereas, the population of illegal aliens in this country has more than tripled since 1982; and

Whereas, the specter of terrorism has increased the need for security from aliens who are illegally present in Missouri as well as the United States; and

Whereas, the resources of the State of Missouri are wrongfully drained by the unlawful influx of illegal aliens present in this state; and

Whereas, it is contrary to the rule of law for the federal government to require states to grant legal residence to individuals unlawfully present in this country; and

Whereas, it is contrary to the rule of law for the federal government to require states to provide benefits to illegal aliens; and

Whereas, the President of the United States has blatantly and flagrantly violated the rule of law by seeking to implement the "Deferred Action for Parents of Americans and Lawful Permanent Residents" program; and

Whereas, the deferred action program violates the rule of law by providing legal residence to over four million individuals who are currently in this country illegally; and

Whereas, the granting of legal status would enable illegal aliens to wrongfully take advantage of benefits provided by the State of Missouri; and

Whereas, the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas granted a preliminary injunction enjoining the implementation of the deferred action program; and

Whereas, twenty-six states have sought such injunctive relief against the United States to prevent implementation of the deferred action program due to its blatant and flagrant violation of the rule of law of the United States; and

Whereas, it is the duty of the Attorney General of this state to defend and protect the rule of law of Missouri and of the United States:

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the members of the Missouri Senate, Ninety-eighth General Assembly, First Regular Session, the House of Representatives concurring therein, hereby directs the Attorney General of Missouri to join in the pending legal action brought by the state of Texas against the implementation of the "Deferred Action for Parents of Americans and Lawful Permanent Residents" program by the President of the United States; and

Be It Further Resolved that the Secretary of the Senate be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the Attorney General of Missouri.