

Rep. McMillin offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 399.

A resolution to urge the President and Congress of the United States to enact immigration reform that ensures the security of the nation's borders.

Whereas, The United States is in the midst of a major wave of illegal immigration that threatens the security and prosperity of our nation. In January 2012, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security estimated that 11.4 million unauthorized immigrants were living in the United States. Clearly, there are many more unauthorized immigrants as of July 2014. Illegal immigrants enter our country unfairly bypassing legal immigration opportunities, while law-abiding applicants patiently await entry to the United States; and

Whereas, People who are in this country illegally exact a significant cost to American taxpayers. These costs are incurred in many ways, from social welfare program expenses to uncompensated costs to our health care system to the added financial burden on schools to educate the U.S.-born children of illegal immigrants. Given the state of the nation's economy, this expense is more than law-abiding citizens and others who are in this country legally should have to absorb; and

Whereas, We must stop providing incentives for people to come here in violation of the law. Immigrants are motivated to come here illegally because of our generous social programs, free education, and healthcare. By eliminating these incentives for illegal immigrants, we can begin to stem the tide of those who come to our country unlawfully; and

Whereas, Illegal immigration will not be significantly reduced until we secure the nation's borders. Current resources are direly inadequate to protect the nearly 2,000 mile U.S.-Mexico border. Stopping the flood of illegal immigrants requires more Border Patrol agents, strategically placed fencing, and increased investments in advanced technology, such as sensors, radar, and aerial assets; and

Whereas, Border security is a federal responsibility and our federal leaders must not turn their backs on this issue any longer. Without borders, we are not a country. And without secure borders, our country cannot be safe; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we urge the President and Congress of the United States to enact immigration reform that ensures the security of the nation's borders; and be it further

Resolved, That we urge the President and Congress of the United States to eliminate the taxpayer-paid incentives given to people in our country illegally, like welfare, healthcare and education; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.