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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The separation of children from their mother or
3 father, or from both, is a violation of the human rights that
4 should be afforded to all children; and

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WHEREAS, The just struggle to protect the right of children
to stay with their families is at the core of the struggle in
7 this country to complete our imperfect but developing democracy
8 from its original perpetration during the genocide of the
9 native American and the holocaust of slavery when children were
10 ripped from their mother's breast and the guidance of their
11 fathers; and

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WHEREAS, This struggle is inspired by our spiritual,
cultural, and democratic ideals of what is right and just; and

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WHEREAS, In the reality of the failure of the U.S.
Congress, then-President Barack Obama was urged to issue
executive orders to at least temporarily prevent deportations
that separate families with U.S. born children or DACA eligible
children; and

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WHEREAS, The alternative to separation is the de facto
deportation of U.S. citizen children and children raised side
by side with U.S. citizens for the greatest part of their young

1 lives to countries they know nothing about, and, in which, they
2 are placed in the most disadvantaged and dangerous positions,
3 denying their rights as U.S. citizens and their universal
4 rights as children; and

5 WHEREAS, President Obama did issue executive orders that
6 provided the deferral of deportation and the provision of work
7 permissions for undocumented individuals brought to this
8 country as minors and also provided the same deferrals of
9 deportation and working permissions to undocumented parents of
10 U.S. citizen children or such minors; the executive orders
11 further established the practice of prosecutorial discretion
12 to defer such deportations in order to prevent the unjust
13 separation of families or the de facto deportation of U.S.
14 citizen children until the Congress could arrive at a permanent
15 solution; and

16 WHEREAS, The courts reached no final resolutions on the
17 constitutionality of these executive orders, and Congress
18 still has not reached any comprehensive solution for millions
19 of families caught in the system of undocumented labor, which
20 has operated for decades in this nation; and

21 WHEREAS, In spite of the continuing threat of injustice to
22 children, the current administration has cancelled those
23 executive orders without Congress having established any

1 alternative; and

2 WHEREAS, These provisions, previously adopted to protect
3 the right of children to have the support of their parents,
4 represented a just and much needed temporary adjustment and
5 should be restored by an act of Congress; and

6 WHEREAS, Those in government who looked the other way at
7 this system, those companies who used undocumented labor, and
8 those who benefitted from the billions of dollars collected
9 from the paychecks of undocumented workers to fill the coffers
10 of social security have been asked to pay no price; and

11 WHEREAS, The children of those undocumented workers, who
12 came and worked honestly in this country and formed families
13 and raised children, are the least culpable and the most
14 vulnerable victims of the system of undocumented labor and are
15 being forced every day to endure the unimaginable pain and
16 damage of family separation or de facto deportation; and

17 WHEREAS, Those parents with U.S. citizen children who were
18 given protected status through prosecutorial discretion and
19 who reported regularly to ICE as they were required were among
20 the first to be deported under this administration; and

21 WHEREAS, There has been a 250% increase over the last year

1 in deportations of those with no criminal records, most of whom
2 have families and children, with the likelihood that these
3 numbers will continue to increase; and

4 WHEREAS, At least 325,000 Salvadorans, Nicaraguans,
5 Hondurans, and Haitians who have lived in this country for many
6 years and have established families with 273,000 U.S. born
7 citizen children, as well as other children brought here at an
8 early age (22% of original entrants were under 16) who have
9 known no other country, now face the cancellation of Temporary
10 Protected Status (TPS) and are being deported, separating
11 children from their parents or de facto deporting U.S. citizen
12 children; and

13 WHEREAS, U.S. policies have contributed to the continuing
14 conditions of instability, poverty, and violence in the
15 aforementioned countries, and, morally, these children of TPS
16 families should not be returned to endure those conditions; and

17 WHEREAS, The psychological, educational, health, economic,
18 and mortality effects of separation from their parents or their
19 de facto removal from this country are documented violations of
20 the human rights accorded universally to children; and

21 WHEREAS, The separation of families at the border for those
22 seeking asylum is a violation of human rights; and

1 WHEREAS, The passage of a clean DACA bill will further
2 prevent the separation of families; therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
4 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
5 we urge the U.S. Congress to pass legislation that provides the
6 right to visas for the undocumented parents of U.S. citizen
7 children or DACA eligible children and TPS recipient parents
8 with U.S. citizen children or children brought here before the
9 age of 16, which allows them and their children to stay and
10 work legally in this country to provide for the economic,
11 physical, and spiritual security and development of those
12 children; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That those visas and work permits should be
14 issued on proof that there are no criminal convictions of these
15 individuals and proof of the existence in residence of U.S.
16 citizen or DACA eligible children under the age of 25; and be
17 it further

18 RESOLVED, That those visas should be renewable every three
19 years on proof of the continued verification of the original
20 conditions of issue; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That we urge the U.S. Congress to pass

1 legislation to immediately stop this violation of the human
2 rights of children and their rights as U.S. citizens; and be it
3 further

4 RESOLVED, That five million U.S. citizen children and two
5 million children brought to this nation as infants, raised here
6 among U.S. citizens, should not be deprived of the sacred right
7 to family and parental guidance and support because of the
8 nation's political paralysis in correcting and taking
9 responsibility for past mistakes of immigration policy and
10 practice but, instead, should be protected and afforded the
11 most basic human right, which is afforded through the creation
12 of family and guaranteed by the innate and irreplaceable
13 responsibility of parents; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That we urge the U.S. Congress to pass a clean
15 DACA bill that gives eligible recipients immediate security and
16 a road to citizenship; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That we urge the U.S. Congress to maintain and
18 extend family-based legal immigration; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
20 delivered to the President of the United States, the U.S.
21 Senate Majority Leader, the U.S. Senate Minority Leader, the
22 U.S. Speaker of the House, the U.S. House of Representatives

1 Minority Leader, and all members of the Illinois Congressional
2 Delegation.