

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE
RESOLUTION 1046

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A Resolution urging the President of the United States and Congress to take certain steps to secure the nation's borders and adequately fund and equip certain entities; recognizing the efforts of the Minuteman Project; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, according to the United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS), there were an estimated 7,000,000 unauthorized immigrants in the United States in the year 2000; and

WHEREAS, the DHS also estimated that there were 46,000 illegal immigrants living in Oklahoma in the year 2000, which represented a 188% increase over the 1990 estimate; and

WHEREAS, according to a study conducted by Rice University in 1996, the estimated net cost to the federal, state and local governments of providing health care, education, corrections and other services to illegal immigrants was approximately \$20 billion each year; and

WHEREAS, the Federation for American Immigration Reform estimated in 2003 that the cost of K-12 education for illegal alien children is at least \$7.4 billion annually and the uncompensated medical costs related to unauthorized immigrants exceeds \$1 billion each year; and

WHEREAS, this state does not condone the illegal immigration of individuals into this country and it supports the efforts of the Department of Homeland Security's Customs and Border Protection

Agency to vigorously enforce the immigration laws of this country;
and

WHEREAS, while the DHS is charged with enforcing current immigration laws, those laws do not go far enough toward preventing the illegal entry of immigrants into this country; and

WHEREAS, the Minuteman Project was developed as a grassroots organization by private citizens in order to bring Americans to the defense of their homeland, and operates in a peaceful manner to assist members of the southern Border Patrol in apprehending illegal aliens entering our country.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 50TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives encourages the President of the United States, Congress and the Department of Homeland Security to develop and implement a comprehensive plan to deal with illegal immigration in the United States.

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives urges the United States Congress to introduce and enact, and urges the President of the United States to sign, legislation that would increase effective border patrols along this nation's borders.

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives urges the Congress and President of the United States to sufficiently fund and equip the Department of Homeland Security and other appropriate law enforcement agencies to more effectively handle the existing number of illegal immigrants in the United States.

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives commends the efforts of the Minuteman Project, Mr. Greg Thompson of Moore, and the other members and participants from Oklahoma, and encourages them to continue their work on behalf of the legal citizens of our state and our nation, until such time as they are no longer needed, and the responsible federal authorities have been given the necessary resources to do their job effectively.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the President of the United States, the members of the Oklahoma Congressional Delegation, and the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security.

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