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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 140
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6 A Resolution supporting efforts to promote comprehensive
7 immigration reforms that encourage legal immigration,
8 deter unauthorized immigration, promote economic
9 growth, and ensure secure borders.
10 WHEREAS, the government of the United State has an
11 obligation to its citizens to secure its borders and
12 ensure the rule of law in its communities; and
13 WHEREAS, the government of the United States must
14 strengthen international border security efforts by
15 dedicating adequate and significant resources for
16 technology, personnel, and training for border region
17 enforcement; and
18 WHEREAS, immigrants have contributed significantly
19 to the strength and economic prosperity of the United
20 States and action must be taken to ensure their fair
21 treatment by employers and protection against fraud
22 and abuse; and
23 WHEREAS, current immigration laws and the
24 enforcement of such laws are ineffective and do not
25 serve the people of the United States, the national
26 security interests of the United States, or the
27 economic prosperity of the United States; and
28 WHEREAS, illegal immigration fosters other illegal
29 activity, including human smuggling, trafficking, and
30 document fraud, all of which undermine the national

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1 security interests of the United States; and
2 WHEREAS, illegal immigration burdens states and
3 local communities with hundreds of millions of dollars
4 in uncompensated expenses for law enforcement, health
5 care, education, and other essential services; and
6 WHEREAS, illegal immigration creates an underclass
7 of workers who are vulnerable to fraud and
8 exploitation; and
9 WHEREAS, fixing the broken immigration system
10 requires a comprehensive approach providing adequate
11 legal channels for immigration and strong enforcement
12 of immigration laws that will serve the economic,
13 social, and security interests of the United States;
14 and
15 WHEREAS, foreign governments, particularly those
16 that share an international border with the United
17 States, must play a critical role in securing
18 international borders and deterring illegal entry of
19 foreign nationals into the United States; and
20 WHEREAS, comprehensive immigration reform and
21 strong enforcement of immigration laws will encourage
22 legal immigration, deter illegal immigration, and
23 promote the economic and national security interests
24 of the United States; NOW THEREFORE,
25 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
26 That the House of Representatives urges the Congress
27 of the United States to adopt and immediately
28 implement sensible and comprehensive immigration
29 reforms that include the following: establishment of
30 programs to secure the international borders of the

1 United States of America, including programs for
2 effective enforcement; penalties for employers and
3 companies that knowingly hire illegal workers;
4 establishment of market-based visa programs for
5 essential workers; encouragement of family unity and
6 reduction of the backlog of immigration applications;
7 and reimbursement of emergency health services
8 furnished to unauthorized persons; and

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the
10 House of Representatives transmit a copy of this
11 Resolution to the President of the United States, the
12 President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of
13 the United States House of Representatives, and each
14 member of Iowa's congressional delegation.

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