## Senate Resolution 104 - Introduced

## SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 104

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- 1 A Resolution supporting increased protections for
- 2 America's borders.
- 3 WHEREAS, on January 20, 2021, President Biden
- 4 terminated the national emergency at the southern
- 5 border declared by Presidential Proclamation 9844
- 6 and halted the funding and construction of the border
- 7 wall; and
- 8 WHEREAS, within Presidential Proclamation 10142,
- 9 President Biden described the construction of the
- 10 wall as "a waste of money that diverts attention from
- 11 genuine threats to our homeland security" and declared
- 12 that the national emergency at the southern border "was
- 13 unwarranted"; and
- 14 WHEREAS, despite President Biden's subsequent
- 15 legislative efforts to ostensibly modernize the
- 16 immigration system and secure the border against
- 17 criminal activity, the United States Customs and Border
- 18 Protection reports that illicit fentanyl smuggling is
- 19 increasing across the southern border; and
- 20 WHEREAS, the amount of fentanyl seized by the United
- 21 States Customs and Border Protection has increased by
- 22 860 percent since fiscal year 2019, representing a

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- 1 staggering 27,000 pounds recovered in fiscal year 2023
- 2 compared to just 2,545 pounds in fiscal year 2019; and
- 3 WHEREAS, as written by the state of Texas Governor
- 4 Greg Abbott on January 24, 2024, President Biden "has
- 5 violated his oath to faithfully execute immigration
- 6 laws enacted by Congress", "instructed his agencies to
- 7 ignore federal statutes that mandate the detention of
- 8 illegal immigrants", and "inflicted unprecedented harm
- 9 on the People all across the United States"; and
- 10 WHEREAS, the state of Texas has declared that an
- 11 invasion has occurred under the meaning of Article I,
- 12 section 10, clause 3, of the Constitution of the United
- 13 States and has invoked its constitutional authority to
- 14 defend and protect itself, leading the state of Texas
- 15 to launch Operation Lone Star; and
- 16 WHEREAS, Operation Lone Star has led to more
- 17 than 501,300 illegal immigrant apprehensions,
- 18 39,800 criminal arrests, and 35,800 felony charges,
- 19 successfully filling the dangerous gaps created by
- 20 the Biden administration's refusal to secure the
- 21 border; and
- 22 WHEREAS, under circumstances where the American
- 23 people suffer due to the inadequacy of the federal
- 24 government's actions to protect the sovereignty of the
- 25 United States, all other public servants must speak
- 26 against such injustice and act decisively to rectify
- 27 this problem; NOW THEREFORE,
- 28 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the Senate
- 29 supports increased protection for America's borders
- 30 for the purpose of ending illegal immigration and

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- 1 smuggling; and
- 2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Senate supports the
- 3 actions of Governor Abbott to safeguard the people of
- 4 Texas and endorses the decision of Governor Reynolds
- 5 to deploy Iowa National Guard and Iowa State Patrol
- 6 personnel to secure the Texas and national border; and
- 7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Senate encourages
- 8 the United States Congress to close the southern border
- 9 and reinstate funding for and construction of the
- 10 border wall; and
- 11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Senate condemns
- 12 President Biden's executive actions relating to
- 13 the southern border and urges for the reinstatement
- 14 of federal Executive Order 13768 and Presidential
- 15 Proclamation 9844.