

## Senate Resolution 114

By: Senators Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd, Gooch of the 51st, Jones of the 25th, Harper of the 7th, Dugan of the 30th and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Urging congress to pass funding legislation that will secure the southern border of the United  
2 States; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, it is imperative that the United States Congress pass the laws needed to provide  
4 the necessary funding for securing the southern border of this great nation; and

5 WHEREAS, the growing crisis of illegal immigration threatens the security of United States  
6 citizens; and

7 WHEREAS, in 2017 and 2018 alone, approximately 235,000 illegal immigrants were  
8 arrested; more than half of those arrests were for violent crimes against Americans, 4,000 of  
9 whom were murdered; and

10 WHEREAS, each week, 300 Americans die of using heroin that comes to this country  
11 through drug smuggling at our southern border; and

12 WHEREAS, a high steel barrier along 234 miles of this nation's southern border would  
13 effectively prevent illegal immigrants and contraband from reaching the United States; and

14 WHEREAS, the Trump administration has requested \$5.7 billion for the construction of a  
15 steel barrier along the southern border, \$4.2 billion for detention center materials and  
16 personnel, \$563 million for additional immigration judges and support staff to reduce the  
17 backlog of immigration cases, \$211 million for additional border patrol agents, \$571 million  
18 for additional ICE personnel, and \$675 million to prevent illegal drugs and weapons from  
19 crossing our borders; and

20 WHEREAS, Congress has not yet responded to the Trump administration's request to secure  
21 the nation's southern border; and

22 WHEREAS, if Congress imposed a tariff on all moneys wired by individuals with no proof  
23 of citizenship or who are not in the country legally, it would provide the funding for the  
24 necessary infrastructure to secure the southern border.

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26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
27 urge Congress to pass funding legislation that will make the security of the southern border  
28 of the United States a reality.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
30 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the President of the  
31 Senate, to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and to each member  
32 of the congressional delegation from this state.