

SENATE RESOLUTION 188

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A RESOLUTION supporting the State of Texas's efforts to secure its border against the invasion of illegal immigration.

WHEREAS, the Executive Branch of the United States of America has abrogated its responsibility to enforce federal immigration laws to protect the several States, resulting in unprecedented illegal immigration; and

WHEREAS, the Biden Administration has failed to fulfill its constitutional duty to "protect each [State] against invasion"; and

WHEREAS, the failure of the Biden Administration to fulfill this duty has triggered a constitutional provision that reserves to the States the right of self-defense, and Governor Greg Abbott has acted properly in declaring an invasion and invoking Texas's constitutional authority to defend and protect itself; and

WHEREAS, Governor Abbott has deployed the Texas National Guard, Texas Department of Public Safety officers, and other qualified Texas personnel to secure the Texas border; and

WHEREAS, by assuming this essential responsibility, Governor Abbott has ensured the safety of not only Texans, but all Americans, and we should support his bold action; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we stand in support of the State of Texas's efforts to secure its border against the invasion of illegal immigration and honor and commend Governor Abbott and the State of Texas for protecting their state's and our nation's sovereignty.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Senate urges Governor Lee to deploy the Tennessee National Guard to support Texas in its efforts to secure its border against illegal immigration as required for the public safety of our nation and our state.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Honorable Bill Lee, Governor of Tennessee.