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A CONCURRENT MEMORIAL

URGING THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO CHANGE THE RULES OF ENGAGEMENT  
FOR NATIONAL GUARD TROOPS FOR DEFENSE OF THE BORDER WITH MEXICO.

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1 To the President of the United States of America:  
2 Your memorialist respectfully represents:  
3 Whereas, the federal government has the obligation to defend our  
4 borders and citizens; and  
5 Whereas, action has been taken to stem the tide of illegal immigration  
6 into the state of Arizona by the federal government that includes placing  
7 National Guard soldiers from the various states in Arizona; and  
8 Whereas, National Guard troops have been deployed into a hostile area  
9 to supplement the United States Border Patrol; and  
10 Whereas, troops have the equipment, ability, training and desire to  
11 complete their mission; and  
12 Whereas, the United States Border Patrol is understaffed to handle the  
13 current crisis; and  
14 Whereas, the flood of illegal border crossers into Arizona poses a  
15 significant threat to this state and the nation; and  
16 Whereas, illegal border crossers ruin Arizona's precious Sonoran  
17 Desert; and  
18 Whereas, illegal border crossers traffic in human and drug cargo and  
19 bring crime to our state; and  
20 Whereas, the National Guard have been given orders not to apprehend  
21 illegal border crossers; and  
22 Whereas, the National Guard have been given orders that prohibit them  
23 from defending themselves against potential aggressors; and  
24 Whereas, a change in the rules of engagement for National Guard troops  
25 stationed at the Mexico border would benefit Arizona by further reducing  
26 illegal immigration attempts, drug trafficking, human smuggling and crime  
27 thus defending of our borders and citizens from foreign invasion.  
28 Wherefore your memorialist, the House of Representatives of the State of  
29 Arizona, the Senate concurring, prays:  
30 1. That the rules of engagement for National Guard troops on the  
31 Mexico border be changed to allow soldiers to defend, engage, pursue and  
32 apprehend those illegally entering the United States; and  
33 2. That the National Guard should be placed in a primary enforcement  
34 role until the Border Patrol receives its full complement of officers as  
35 approved by Congress.  
36 3. That the Secretary of State of the State of Arizona transmit a copy  
37 of this Memorial to the President of the United States.