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9 RFD: RULES

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1 Enrolled, An Act,

2 ACKNOWLEDGING THE CRISIS AT THE BORDER AND
3 SUPPORTING EFFORTS TO SECURE THE BORDER.

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5 WHEREAS, Texas, Arizona, and New Mexico are facing a
6 border crisis; in November 2022, Texas Governor Greg Abbott
7 declared a state of invasion at the southern border; and

8 WHEREAS, recent figures from the U.S. Customs and
9 Border Protection show record levels of border crossings
10 with no sign of improvement; since January 2021, there have
11 been over 5.8 million illegal crossings at the southern
12 border, and many more have likely evaded apprehension;
13 individuals who cross the southern border illegally are now
14 freely moving about the country; and

15 WHEREAS, during the 2023 fiscal year, U.S. Customs
16 and Border Protection arrested more than 10,800 illegal
17 aliens who have been convicted of crimes in the United
18 States or abroad, including sex offenses, homicide,
19 trafficking of illegal weapons, robbery, and assault; and

20 WHEREAS, during the 2022 fiscal year, the Drug
21 Enforcement Agency (DEA) seized enough fentanyl to kill
22 every American; and

23 WHEREAS, according to the DEA, most of the fentanyl
24 is smuggled over land across the U.S.-Mexico border; U.S.
25 Customs and Border Patrol seized 14,599 pounds of fentanyl,
26 175,410 pounds of methamphetamine, and 70,293 pounds of
27 cocaine during the 2022 fiscal year; and

28 WHEREAS, drugs smuggled across the southern border



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29 are contributing to the worsening opioid crisis; in 2022,
30 more than two-thirds of the nation's 107,081 drug overdose
31 deaths were linked to illicit fentanyl and other synthetic
32 opioids; and

33 WHEREAS, the crisis at the border impacts the entire
34 country; every state is now a border state, as states are
35 carrying the burden of the years-long surge in illegal
36 border crossings and drug trafficking; states are on the
37 front lines, working around-the-clock to combat the effects
38 of this crisis; and

39 WHEREAS, Texas, Arizona, and New Mexico are not alone
40 in their efforts to secure the United States border; Alabama
41 is a proud neighbor to these states and stands prepared to
42 respond to this crisis; Governor Ivey has already committed
43 275 National Guard troops to the U.S.-Mexico border; and

44 WHEREAS, border security is national security, and
45 the crisis at the border puts the safety of every community
46 in America at risk; now therefore,

47 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
48 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Alabama acknowledges the
49 crisis at the border and pledges to support the efforts of
50 Texas, Arizona, and New Mexico to combat the crisis and
51 secure the southern border.



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Speaker of the House of Representatives

President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

House of Representatives

I hereby certify that the within Act originated in
and was passed by the House 20-Feb-24.

John Treadwell
Clerk

Senate

16-Apr-24

Adopted