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HJR___ ACKNOWLEDGING THE CRISIS AT THE BORDER AND SUPPORTING EFFORTS TO SECURE THE BORDER.

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, according to the DEA, most of the fentanyl is smuggled over land across the U.S.-Mexico border; U.S. Customs and Border Patrol seized 14,599 pounds of fentanyl, 175,410 pounds of methamphetamine, and 70,293 pounds of



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29 cocaine during the 2022 fiscal year; and

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

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

41 WHEREAS, Texas, Arizona, and New Mexico are not alone
42 in their efforts to secure the United States border; Alabama
43 is a proud neighbor to these states and stands prepared to
44 respond to this crisis; Governor Ivey has already committed
45 275 National Guard troops to the U.S.-Mexico border; and

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

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