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# H. CON. RES. 220

Affirming the commitment of Congress to preserving the sovereignty of the United States and the integrity of its border.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. TANCREDO (for himself and Mr. GOODE) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Affirming the commitment of Congress to preserving the sovereignty of the United States and the integrity of its border.

Whereas sovereignty, as it is understood in the United States, entails self-government and a government acting with the consent of the governed;

Whereas preserving a nation's border is essential to its sovereignty;

Whereas the border of the United States is the legal separator between the area governed by the Constitution and the rest of the world;

Whereas the border of the United States is the symbolic separator between the area governed by the principles em-

bodied in the Declaration of Independence and the rest of the world;

Whereas the Government of the United States is charged by its citizens with protecting the inalienable rights and liberties of those who reside within its border;

Whereas disregard for a nation's border portends the decline of the nation itself; and

Whereas the widespread and unregulated movement of people across the border of the United States occurs without legal sanction or the consent of the governed and, therefore, undermines the self-government of the United States: Now, therefore, be it

1        *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*  
2 *concurring), That Congress—*

3            (1) affirms its commitment to preserving the  
4        sovereignty and self-government of the United  
5        States and the integrity of its border;

6            (2) disapproves of open-border policies and  
7        other policies that would undermine the sovereignty  
8        of the United States; and

9            (3) urges the President to pursue a policy of  
10        protecting the sovereignty of the United States by  
11        vigorously enforcing the laws of the United States  
12        with respect to both legal and illegal immigration.

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