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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 183

BY REPRESENTATIVES CHARLES OWEN, FIRMENT, AND PRESSLY

MILITARY AFFAIRS/NATL GD: Requests Governor Edwards to be prepared to send Louisiana National Guard Troops to the Texas border

A RESOLUTION

| 2 | To urge and request Governor John Bel Edwards to be prepared to send Louisiana National |
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| 3 | Guard troops to the Texas border with Mexico to help Texas secure the United |
| 4 | States' southern border. |
| 5 | WHEREAS, the United States' southern border with Mexico is not secure; and |
| 6 | WHEREAS, hundreds of thousands of illegal aliens from around the world have |
| 7 | come across the southern border in violation of the law; and |
| 8 | WHEREAS, the situation at the southern border is a humanitarian disaster and a |
| 9 | national security crisis; and |
| 10 | WHEREAS, the deadly drug fentanyl is trafficked across the United States' southern |
| 11 | border from Mexico; and |
| 12 | WHEREAS, fentanyl poisoning is now the number one cause of death among United |
| 13 | States citizens between the ages of eighteen and forty-seven; and |
| 14 | WHEREAS, numerous individuals on terrorist watch lists have been encountered |
| 15 | coming across the southern border; and |
| 16 | WHEREAS, the United States' southern border has become an epicenter of human |
| 17 | trafficking; and |
| 18 | WHEREAS, Arkansas, South Dakota, Florida, Iowa, Nebraska, and Ohio have all |
| 19 | sent National Guard and law enforcement personnel to Texas to assist in policing the |
| 20 | southern border. |

1 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the

- 2 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby declare that it is time to respond to the crisis on the
- 3 southern border because our national security requires action.
- 4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House of Representatives calls on Governor
- 5 Edwards to respond to any request from our great neighbors in Texas and, if requested, to
- 6 deploy National Guard personnel to the border with Mexico to assist in securing the border
- 7 to mitigate the effects of the ongoing humanitarian disaster and national security crisis.
- 8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
- 9 Governor John Bel Edwards.

DIGEST

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