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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 183

BY REPRESENTATIVES CHARLES OWEN, ADAMS, AMEDEE, BACALA, BUTLER, CARRIER, CORMIER, CREWS, DEVILLIER, EDMONDS, EDMONSTON, EMERSON, FARNUM, FIRMENT, FRIEMAN, GAROFALO, HARRIS, HORTON, ILLG, MCCORMICK, MCFARLAND, MIGUEZ, ORGERON, PRESSLY, RISER, ROMERO, AND SCHAMERHORN

A RESOLUTION

To urge and request Governor John Bel Edwards to be prepared to send Louisiana National Guard troops to the Texas border with Mexico to help Texas secure the United States' southern border.

WHEREAS, the United States' southern border with Mexico is not secure; and

WHEREAS, hundreds of thousands of illegal aliens from around the world have come across the southern border in violation of the law; and

WHEREAS, the situation at the southern border is a humanitarian disaster and a national security crisis; and

WHEREAS, the deadly drug fentanyl is trafficked across the United States' southern border from Mexico; and

WHEREAS, fentanyl poisoning is now the number one cause of death among United States citizens between the ages of eighteen and forty-seven; and

WHEREAS, numerous individuals on terrorist watch lists have been encountered coming across the southern border; and

WHEREAS, the United States' southern border has become an epicenter of human trafficking; and

WHEREAS, Arkansas, South Dakota, Florida, Iowa, Nebraska, and Ohio have all sent National Guard and law enforcement personnel to Texas to assist in policing the southern border.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby declare that it is time to respond to the crisis on the southern border because our national security requires action.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House of Representatives calls on Governor Edwards to respond to any request from our great neighbors in Texas and, if requested, to deploy National Guard personnel to the border with Mexico to assist in securing the border to mitigate the effects of the ongoing humanitarian disaster and national security crisis.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Governor John Bel Edwards.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES