

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 16

WHEREAS, we recognize that Missouri is comprised of many hard-working, tax-paying, lawfully present immigrants who embody values shared by their Missouri neighbors; and

WHEREAS, lawfully present immigrants contribute positively to the rich cultural heritage of this nation and state; and

WHEREAS, since illegal immigrants are in violation of federal law through their mere presence in this country, other benefits conferred under federal law including the distribution of compensation through our country's social programs should not befall such individuals; and

WHEREAS, we recognize that the Social Security program is becoming increasingly depleted financially and that extending benefits to illegal immigrants will have a deleterious effect on the ability of the system to pay beneficiaries who have contributed to the system through years of gainful and legal employment:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the Missouri Senate, Ninety-Fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, the House of Representatives concurring therein, hereby call on Congress for a unified voice in opposing legislation or any other agreement that proposes to extend Social Security benefits to illegal immigrants who are not lawfully present in the United States and in so being, stand in violation of federal law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Missouri Senate be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution for the President of the United States and the members of the Missouri Congressional Delegation.

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