SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 6

WHEREAS, we affirm the inherent dignity of all people, regardless of color, religion, or immigration status, and we expect equality and justice for all; and

WHEREAS, hard working, tax paying immigrants embody our Missouri values of hard work, faith, and family and come to establish roots in Missouri communities in search of the American Dream; and

WHEREAS, we reject the extremism of anti-immigrant groups that seek to use fear to confuse and divide our communities; and

WHEREAS, we support the right of all Missourians to express their opinions about the best course for our nation's immigration laws and commit ourselves to advancing a civil, respectful, and humane dialogue on the same; and

WHEREAS, we recognize the connections between many anti-immigrant groups and white nationalist organizations and disavow their message of racial hatred; and

WHEREAS, we acknowledge the proud history of our state and our nation as a country of immigrants and believe that immigrants continue to be an important part of our heritage and prosperity:

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 for a unified voice against anti-immigrant groups and their organized bigotry and dangerous vigilantism and continue working together in coalition with immigrant, labor, community, business, and religious groups to promote a welcoming Missouri and protecting the civil and human rights of Missouri's immigrant families while calling on Congress to address our nation's broken immigration system in a comprehensive fashion; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Missouri Senate be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution for Governor Matt Blunt and the members of the Missouri congressional delegation.

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