

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 17

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

STATING FINDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE AND RECOGNIZING AND SUPPORTING THE IMPORTANT HISTORY AND ONGOING CONTRIBUTIONS OF LEGAL IMMIGRANTS TOWARD THE BUILDING OF THE UNITED STATES.

Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

WHEREAS, the United States of America was built by people from all over the world and the protection of legal immigrants through resettlement in the United States of America is a manifestation of the most deeply held values of the nation and of Idaho, namely our unshakable belief in justice and freedom and our compassion for those who suffer; and

WHEREAS, legal immigrants go through a comprehensive vetting process, swearing allegiance to and bearing goodwill toward the United States of America, and many have earned green cards, become citizens and call this country home; and

WHEREAS, Idaho communities were founded and established by hard-working people of a wide variety of ethnicities, ages, religions and backgrounds, such as the Basque, Scandinavians, Irish and more; and

WHEREAS, the State of Idaho has a long and proud history of providing opportunity to immigrants over the course of its history; and

WHEREAS, immigrants serve in our military, work for America's diplomatic interests, and work, volunteer and contribute to Idaho communities every day; and

WHEREAS, organizations in our country and state, including the Catholic Charities, Lutheran Community Services, Jewish synagogues and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, all work to help resettle immigrant families in Idaho; and

WHEREAS, immigrants include people fleeing poverty, persecution, oppression and war, and include women and children in need of safety; and

WHEREAS, America's immigrants have brought with them the character, talent, creativity, dynamism, determination and fortitude to help build the strongest and best nation on Earth; and

WHEREAS, the Idaho Legislature believes in protecting America's deeply held values and unshakable belief in justice, freedom and compassion for legal immigrants coming to America to find a new home and appreciates their contributions to Idaho.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the First Regular Session of the Sixty-fourth Idaho Legislature, the House of Representatives and the Senate concurring therein, that we do hereby recognize and support the important history and ongoing contributions of legal immigrants toward the building of our great nation.