

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 906

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A RESOLUTION relative to the States' constitutional right of self-defense.

WHEREAS, recent events in Texas have demonstrated the federal government's disinclination to fulfill a duty imposed by the U.S. Constitution and federal statutory law, namely the protection of the several States from illegal immigration; and

WHEREAS, due to the present administration's abrogation of its duty to secure the border, more than six million illegal immigrants have crossed our southern border in the last three years; and

WHEREAS, Article I, § 10, Clause 3, of the United States Constitution reserves to the States the right of self-defense; and

WHEREAS, the State of Texas has acted properly in declaring an invasion pursuant to such constitutional provision and invoking Texas's constitutional authority to defend and protect its citizens and sovereign property; and

WHEREAS, the Texas National Guard, Texas Department of Public Safety officers, and other qualified Texas personnel have been deployed to secure the Texas border; and

WHEREAS, federal government officials and agencies have since encroached upon Texas's constitutional right to protect against threats to the public safety; and

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly have consistently taken steps to address illegal immigration in Tennessee and support the State of Texas in doing likewise; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that this General Assembly stands in support of the

State of Texas's efforts to secure its border against illegal immigration and affirms the several States' constitutional right to protect and defend their citizens and property against any threat to public safety and security.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, the U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security, the Speaker and the Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, the President and the Secretary of the United States Senate, each member of the Tennessee Congressional delegation, and the Governor of Texas.