

By Senator Farmer

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Senate Resolution

A resolution urging President Donald Trump to rescind all executive orders signed by him related to immigration.

WHEREAS, all Americans, other than Native Americans, are immigrants or descendants of immigrants, and nearly one in five Floridians immigrated to this state after being born outside of the United States, and

WHEREAS, the Florida Constitution guarantees that no person may be deprived of any right because of race, religion, or national origin; guarantees the free exercise of religion; and guarantees that no person may be deprived of life, liberty, or property without due process of law, and

WHEREAS, immigrants fleeing political and religious persecution have come to Florida throughout its history, contributing immeasurably to the welfare and prosperity of this state, and

WHEREAS, immigrants seeking shelter from the oppressive regimes of Fidel Castro in Cuba and other Latin-American dictators came to Florida seeking freedom, infusing this state with vibrant diversity, and

WHEREAS, immigrants who survived the Nazi Holocaust, and their children and grandchildren, came to Florida to rebuild their lives and practice their religious beliefs without fear of persecution, and

WHEREAS, these and other immigrants who have come to Florida's shores, ports, and cities seeking opportunity have become leaders of government, business, industry, and academia,

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30 and many current members of the Florida Legislature are
31 descendants of immigrants who sought refuge on these shores, and

32 WHEREAS, Florida's economy depends on the hard work and
33 entrepreneurship of immigrants, and one in four business owners
34 in this state, and nearly one in four workers, are immigrants,
35 and

36 WHEREAS, if all unauthorized immigrants were removed from
37 this state, Florida would lose \$43.9 billion in economic
38 activity, \$19.5 billion in gross state product, and
39 approximately 262,436 jobs, and

40 WHEREAS, Florida's 36,249 foreign students contributed \$1.1
41 billion to the state's economy in tuition, fees, and living
42 expenses in the 2013-2014 academic year, NOW, THEREFORE,

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44 Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

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46 That President Donald Trump is urged to rescind all
47 executive orders signed by him related to immigration.

48 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of State dispatch
49 a copy of this resolution, with the Seal of the Senate affixed,
50 to the President of the United States, the President and
51 Secretary of the United States Senate, and the Speaker and Clerk
52 of the United States House of Representatives as a tangible
53 token of the sentiments of the Florida Senate.