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Texas Legislature Approves Border Security Resolution

Resolution Urges Federal Government to Reimburse Texas for Border Security Costs

Austin - The Texas House of Representatives gave final approval of Senate Concurrent Resolution 5, authored by Senator Craig Estes, to express the 84th Texas Legislature's dissatisfaction with the federal government's failed efforts to maintain security at the border.

"I was proud to file SCR 5 this session, and I am very happy that it has successfully passed through both the Senate and House," Senator Estes said. "The federal government's failure to enforce current law has placed an undue burden on the taxpayers of Texas to keep our border secure. It's time they repay us for the tax dollars we have spent addressing problems they have created."

The United States Constitution delegates the power to regulate immigration and naturalization to the federal government. However, due to their consistent inability to fulfill this duty, the responsibility to secure the Texas-Mexico border has fallen to the State of Texas. The resolution urges the United States Congress to reimburse the State of Texas for bearing the financial burden of securing the Texas-Mexico border.

Senator Estes continued, "I want to thank my colleagues for their support of this legislation, especially Representative Flynn for sponsoring it in the House. I am looking forward to sending this to the Governor's desk to be signed into law."

Estes serves nearly 820,000 constituents across Senate District 30 which includes all of Archer, Clay, Cooke, Erath, Grayson, Jack, Montague, Palo Pinto, Parker, Wichita, Wise, and Young counties and parts of Collin and Denton counties.

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