

Senate Resolution 646

By: Senators Pearson of the 51st, Rogers of the 21st, Whitehead, Sr. of the 24th, Mullis of the 53rd, Shafer of the 48th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the President and Congress of the United States of America to adopt and implement
2 an effective and comprehensive federal immigration and border security plan in response to
3 the increasing illegal immigration crisis facing the United States; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, the U.S. Census Bureau estimates that every year more than 1.5 million illegal
5 aliens enter this country and that approximately 500,000 settle in the United States,
6 promoting a culture of disrespect for U.S. immigration laws and the basic principles of this
7 great nation; and

8 WHEREAS, lawful immigration into the United States and the State of Georgia is one of the
9 strong foundations that made our nation and our sovereign state great and the continuing well
10 regulated flow of legal immigrants into the United States and Georgia is vital to our
11 economic security; and

12 WHEREAS, a nation that values and supports immigration should have rational immigration
13 laws that serve the American economy and reflect the American dream, as well as address
14 the threat to the security and economy of this nation presented by the estimated 20 million
15 or more undocumented aliens currently in the United States; and

16 WHEREAS, a significant immigration reform plan is needed that will protect our country by
17 securing the borders while at the same time treating employers and laborers fairly, providing
18 incentives for legal temporary workers to return to their home countries and families, and
19 also protecting the rights of legal immigrants while not unfairly rewarding those who come
20 here unlawfully or those employers who knowingly violate our laws; and

21 WHEREAS, the illegal immigration problem not only violates the rule of law but also
22 profoundly affects America's security, the welfare of its citizens, and its future with
23 potentially devastating results.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
2 urge the President and Congress of the United States of America to address the illegal
3 immigration crisis facing this country by adopting, implementing, and enforcing a
4 comprehensive and effective immigration and border security plan. This comprehensive plan
5 shall be initiated as a means of addressing the illegal immigration crisis facing this country
6 and at a minimum shall include securing and controlling the nation's borders, prohibiting any
7 amnesty or automatic path to citizenship, and providing a secure method to meet the
8 economic needs of the U.S. economy by ensuring the lawful presence of temporary foreign
9 workers, with a defined and enforced departure date, once the borders are certified secure.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
11 to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, the
12 President Pro Tempore of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House
13 of Representatives, and each member of the Georgia delegation to the Congress of the United
14 States of America.