

The House Committee on Judiciary offers the following substitute to HR 127:

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the United States Congress to propose and submit to the states for ratification an
2 amendment to the Constitution of the United States that provides that persons born in this
3 country become citizens at birth only if one or more of the child's parents are United States
4 citizens or legal residents of the United States; and for other purposes.

5 WHEREAS, as an immigrant society, the United States should welcome and embrace legal
6 immigrants and provide full citizenship to children of legal residents of the United States;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, the United States is facing a crisis of illegal immigration into this country; and

9 WHEREAS, it is estimated that there are between 12 million to 30 million persons living in
10 the United States illegally; and

11 WHEREAS, under the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, a
12 person born in this country becomes a citizen of this country based solely upon the fact of
13 the person's birth within the United States; and

14 WHEREAS, allowing children born in this country to become citizens solely by virtue of
15 their birth in this country, when neither of the child's parents is a citizen or legal resident of
16 the United States, is not in the best interests of this nation; and

17 WHEREAS, Congress should act quickly to propose and submit to the states for ratification
18 an amendment to the Constitution of the United States that provides that a person born in this
19 country becomes a citizen at birth only if one or more of the child's parents are United States
20 citizens or legal residents of the United States at the time of the child's birth, before the
21 problem becomes more dire than it already is.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
2 the members of this body urge the United States Congress to propose and submit to the states
3 for ratification an amendment to the Constitution of the United States that provides that a
4 person born in this country becomes a citizen at birth only if one or more of the child's
5 parents are United States citizens or legal residents of the United States.

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
7 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Vice President Richard
8 Cheney, Speaker of the United States House of Representatives Nancy Pelosi, and each
9 member of the Georgia congressional delegation.