

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 17

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 STATING FINDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE AND RECOGNIZING AND SUPPORTING THE IM-  
2 PORTANT HISTORY AND ONGOING CONTRIBUTIONS OF LEGAL IMMIGRANTS TOWARD  
3 THE BUILDING OF THE UNITED STATES.  
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5 Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

6 WHEREAS, the United States of America was built by people from all over  
7 the world and the protection of legal immigrants through resettlement in the  
8 United States of America is a manifestation of the most deeply held values of  
9 the nation and of Idaho, namely our unshakable belief in justice and freedom  
10 and our compassion for those who suffer; and

11 WHEREAS, legal immigrants go through a comprehensive vetting process,  
12 swearing allegiance to and bearing goodwill toward the United States of  
13 America, and many have earned green cards, become citizens and call this  
14 country home; and

15 WHEREAS, Idaho communities were founded and established by hard-work-  
16 ing people of a wide variety of ethnicities, ages, religions and back-  
17 grounds, such as the Basque, Scandinavians, Irish and more; and

18 WHEREAS, the State of Idaho has a long and proud history of providing op-  
19 portunity to immigrants over the course of its history; and

20 WHEREAS, immigrants serve in our military, work for America's diplo-  
21 matic interests, and work, volunteer and contribute to Idaho communities  
22 every day; and

23 WHEREAS, organizations in our country and state, including the Catholic  
24 Charities, Lutheran Community Services, Jewish synagogues and the Church of  
25 Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, all work to help resettle immigrant fami-  
26 lies in Idaho; and

27 WHEREAS, immigrants include people fleeing poverty, persecution, op-  
28 pression and war, and include women and children in need of safety; and

29 WHEREAS, America's immigrants have brought with them the character,  
30 talent, creativity, dynamism, determination and fortitude to help build the  
31 strongest and best nation on Earth; and

32 WHEREAS, the Idaho Legislature believes in protecting America's deeply  
33 held values and unshakable belief in justice, freedom and compassion for le-  
34 gal immigrants coming to America to find a new home and appreciates their  
35 contributions to Idaho.

36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the First Regular Ses-  
37 sion of the Sixty-fourth Idaho Legislature, the House of Representatives and  
38 the Senate concurring therein, that we do hereby recognize and support the  
39 important history and ongoing contributions of legal immigrants toward the  
40 building of our great nation.