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A MEMORIAL

RECOGNIZING THE FAILURE OF THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT TO COOPERATE WITH THE UNITED STATES IN ADDRESSING THE PROBLEM OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION AND INSISTING THAT MEXICAN PRESIDENT VICENTE FOX AND MEXICAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS TAKE IMMEDIATE, MEANINGFUL AND COMPREHENSIVE ACTION TO STOP THE RAPIDLY INCREASING FLOW OF MIGRANTS ILLEGALLY CROSSING NEW MEXICO'S SOUTHERN BORDER.

WHEREAS, the United States' war on terror extends not only to Iraq and Afghanistan but to America's critical southern borders where terrorists may try to enter this country by illegal means; and

WHEREAS, the actions of the government of President Vicente Fox toward illegal immigration, drug trafficking and border security have undermined the efforts of the United States to protect its national security and the integrity of

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1 its southern border; and

2 WHEREAS, the number of migrants who willfully violate
3 United States immigration laws by illegally crossing New
4 Mexico's southern border with Mexico has risen dramatically in
5 recent years, has been encouraged by the policies of Mexico's
6 government and poses a serious threat to New Mexicans and the
7 American people; and

8 WHEREAS, corruption in Mexico's military and police forces
9 by drug traffickers runs deep, and President Vicente Fox's
10 attempts to date to address corruption problems in Mexico's
11 security forces have been ineffective; and

12 WHEREAS, the United States continues to pursue aggressive
13 strategies to stop illegal immigration; however, America's
14 national security remains in serious jeopardy without the
15 responsible cooperation of the Mexican government to stem the
16 flow of hundreds of thousands of illegal migrants into the
17 United States; and

18 WHEREAS, events in recent weeks, including evidence of
19 alleged incursions by the Mexican military into the United
20 States and Mexico's plan to distribute maps to migrants
21 crossing the United States border illegally, continue to
22 demonstrate the unwillingness of President Vicente Fox to
23 address the problem of illegal immigration; and

24 WHEREAS, it is vital that President Vicente Fox make a
25 stronger effort to take immediate, comprehensive and meaningful

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1 action to address the rampant corruption within Mexico's
2 military and police forces that patrol Mexico's northern
3 border; and

4 WHEREAS, President Vicente Fox also must support
5 legislative reforms that will produce incentives for Mexican
6 workers to stay in Mexico, including enacting a minimum wage
7 for Mexicans and reforming labor conditions in Mexico; and

8 WHEREAS, to demonstrate his commitment to regional
9 cooperation and protecting the security of United States
10 citizens in Mexico, President Vicente Fox must also ensure that
11 Americans in Mexico will be afforded the same constitutional
12 protections that Mexican citizens are given in this country;

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
14 OF NEW MEXICO that the Mexican government has failed to
15 cooperate with the United States in addressing the problem of
16 illegal immigration and that President Vicente Fox and Mexican
17 government officials be requested take immediate, meaningful
18 and comprehensive action to stop the rapidly increasing flow of
19 migrants who are illegally crossing New Mexico's southern
20 border into the United States; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that President Vicente Fox's
22 comprehensive approach to addressing the illegal immigration
23 problem include attacking corruption in Mexico's security
24 forces; taking aggressive measures against drug traffickers in
25 Mexico; enacting a minimum wage; reforming labor conditions in

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1 Mexico; passing a constitutional bill of rights that is similar
2 to the United States constitution and that protects American
3 citizens in Mexico; securing Mexico's southern border; and
4 cooperating with the United States government in protecting
5 America's southern border with Mexico; and

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the failure of President
7 Vicente Fox to take the actions outlined in this memorial will
8 evidence his refusal to respect the laws, security and
9 sovereignty of the United States, and that the House of
10 Representatives will request that the United States government
11 impose economic sanctions against Mexico; and

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
13 transmitted to Mexican President Vicente Fox, the president of
14 the United States, New Mexico's congressional delegation and
15 the governor of New Mexico.

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