

By Senator Garcia

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Senate Resolution

A resolution encouraging the 113th Congress of the United States to consider the five principles embraced by the Partnership for a New American Economy as it works to develop comprehensive immigration reforms.

WHEREAS, the 1965 Immigration and Nationality Act brought a Depression-era immigration system into the post-World War II, Civil Rights age, abandoning longstanding racial quotas in favor of a system that strives for equality and focuses on reuniting families and, to a lesser extent, meeting workplace needs, and

WHEREAS, while the 1965 reforms at that time represented a significant advance for families and equality, what was modern in an age before the VCR, the heart transplant, or the moon landing is antiquated in a digital age marked by instantaneous access to information and the rise of a global marketplace, and this nation's immigration system is once again outmoded, outdated, and ill-equipped for the demands of a modern society, and

WHEREAS, as the 113th Congress takes up the call for immigration reform, the Partnership for a New American Economy offers five principles that are essential to a modern immigration system: attracting and retaining the world's top innovators and entrepreneurs; recruiting talented workers needed to fill gaps in high- and low-skilled sectors of the economy; bringing 11 million undocumented immigrants into the legal economy so that they can pay taxes, attain better education, and contribute more to the economic growth of the United States; developing a state of the art system to ensure that immigration

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30 laws are enforced and obeyed; and ensuring that the immigration  
31 system is easy to understand, easy to navigate, and easy to  
32 implement, and

33 WHEREAS, this great nation is long overdue for an equally  
34 significant overhaul of our immigration laws to advance our  
35 economy, NOW, THEREFORE,

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37 Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

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39 That we encourage the 113th Congress of the United States  
40 to consider the five principles embraced by the Partnership for  
41 a New American Economy as it works to develop a comprehensive  
42 immigration reform that will lead this nation in promoting  
43 innovation and entrepreneurship and maximizing the productivity  
44 of the workforce.