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Senate Memorial

A memorial to the Secretary of Homeland Security urging the United States Department of Homeland Security to provide guidance and training opportunities for 287(g) agreements.

WHEREAS, President Donald J. Trump, in Executive Order 14159, titled "Protecting the American People Against Invasion", ordered the Secretary of Homeland Security to work with state and local law enforcement agencies across the United States to ensure their assistance with the protection of the American people, and

WHEREAS, President Trump ordered the Secretary of Homeland Security to enter into 287(g) agreements, under the Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. s. 1357, with state and local law enforcement agencies to perform the functions of immigration officers by assisting the Federal Government with the investigation, apprehension, and detention of illegal aliens, and

WHEREAS, President Trump ordered the Secretary of Homeland Security to structure 287(g) agreements in the manner that provides the most effective model for state and local law enforcement agencies to assist the Federal Government in enforcing federal immigration laws, and

WHEREAS, in response to the border crisis, the Legislature passed enhanced state laws to combat illegal immigration, making Florida a national leader in fighting illegal immigration, and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 1808 (2022) required county correctional facilities to enter into 287(g) agreements with the

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30 Federal Government, and

31 WHEREAS, to better assist state and local law enforcement
32 agencies, the Secretary of Homeland Security and the Federal
33 Government should provide such agencies with guidance and
34 training opportunities, and

35 WHEREAS, Florida is ready to provide assistance, as this
36 state is home to robust, highly qualified, strategic, year-round
37 assets for law enforcement training, including the Camp Blanding
38 Joint Training Center in which the taxpayers have made
39 significant investments to establish it as the premier training
40 facility in the Southeastern United States, and

41 WHEREAS, this state's training facilities are available and
42 prepared to meet the anticipated training and operational needs
43 of state and local law enforcement agencies entering into 287(g)
44 agreements, NOW, THEREFORE,

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46 Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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48 That the Secretary of Homeland Security is urged to provide
49 guidance, training opportunities, and any other necessary
50 directives to ensure cooperation and coordination with 287(g)
51 agreements and to maximize the state and local law enforcement
52 agencies impact in assisting the Federal Government in
53 combatting the effects of the unprecedented flood of illegal
54 immigration to the United States.

55 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of State is
56 directed to dispatch copies of this memorial to the President of
57 the United States, the President of the United States Senate,
58 the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the

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59 Secretary of Homeland Security, and each member of the Florida
60 delegation to the United States Congress.