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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY
PREPAREDNESS, JANUARY 21, 2020

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging Governor Wolf to send members of the Pennsylvania
2 National Guard to assist in the effort to address the
3 national security and humanitarian crisis at the United
4 States-Mexico border.

5 WHEREAS, On December 1, 2019, Mexican drug cartels engaged in
6 a violent attack on Mexican government facilities within miles
7 of the United States-Mexico border; and

8 WHEREAS, Mexico's struggle to contain the drug cartels within
9 its borders was recently evidenced by the Mexican government's
10 release of 20 drug cartel members, including a son of the
11 infamous drug lord "El Chapo"; and

12 WHEREAS, The release of the drug cartel members was
13 facilitated by a paramilitary assault that overwhelmed Mexican
14 government authorities; and

15 WHEREAS, The failure of Mexico to contain the Mexican drug
16 cartels has resulted in American citizens becoming the victims
17 of the drug cartels; and

18 WHEREAS, On November 4, 2019, Mexican drug cartels killed

1 nine American citizens; and

2 WHEREAS, The victims included six children and their mothers;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, Attacks on American citizens by Mexican drug cartels
5 happen every year on American soil; and

6 WHEREAS, These attacks have resulted in the deaths of
7 hundreds of Americans over the past decade; and

8 WHEREAS, Mexican drug cartels are not only directly
9 responsible for the death of Americans, but indirectly
10 responsible for the death of Americans by flooding our
11 communities with illegal narcotics, including heroin; and

12 WHEREAS, Mexican drug cartels commit crimes against humanity,
13 including trafficking humans across the United States-Mexico
14 border to be sold into labor or sexual servitude; and

15 WHEREAS, As a result of the continued attacks by the Mexican
16 drug cartels against American citizens and American sovereignty,
17 President Trump labeled Mexican drug cartels as foreign
18 terrorist organizations; and

19 WHEREAS, However, the threat to American citizens is not
20 limited to Mexican drug cartels; and

21 WHEREAS, MS-13 is a violent international criminal
22 organization that originated from Central America; and

23 WHEREAS, MS-13 has attacked, tortured and killed American
24 citizens on American soil; and

25 WHEREAS, These attacks occur across the United States,
26 including the southwest of the United States along the United
27 States-Mexico border, Maryland and Virginia; and

28 WHEREAS, Like the Mexican drug cartels, MS-13 and other
29 international criminal organizations from Central America
30 smuggle drugs and guns and engage in human trafficking; and

1 WHEREAS, The violence caused by Mexican drug cartels, MS-13
2 and international criminal organizations from Central America
3 has resulted in a mass migration of refugees seeking to flee to
4 the United States; and

5 WHEREAS, This mass migration has created a humanitarian
6 crisis and exacerbated the national security crisis on the
7 United States-Mexico border; and

8 WHEREAS, The deployment of members of the Pennsylvania
9 National Guard to the United States-Mexico border will help
10 protect American citizens on American soil from Mexican drug
11 cartels, MS-13 and international criminal organizations from
12 Central America; and

13 WHEREAS, The deployment of members of the Pennsylvania
14 National Guard to the United States-Mexico border will reduce
15 the flow of illegal narcotics across the United States-Mexico
16 border; and

17 WHEREAS, The deployment of members of the Pennsylvania
18 National Guard to the United States-Mexico border will free up
19 Federal and state resources to address the mass migration of
20 refugees from Mexico; therefore be it

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the
22 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania urge Governor Wolf to send members
23 of the Pennsylvania National Guard to assist in the effort to
24 address the national security and humanitarian crisis at the
25 United States-Mexico border; and be it further

26 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the
27 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania urge the Congress of the United
28 States to find a bipartisan solution that will effectively
29 address the national security and humanitarian crisis taking
30 place at the United States-Mexico border; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to
2 Governor Wolf and each member of the Congress of the United
3 States from Pennsylvania.