

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 128

Reps. Schriver, Maddock, Pavlov, Wortz, DeSana, DeBoyer, Woolford, Fox, BeGole, Frisbie, Cavitt and Greene offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to encourage county sheriffs and local law
2 enforcement agencies throughout the state of Michigan to enter into
3 287(g) agreements with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement to
4 enhance immigration enforcement and public safety.

5 Whereas, The 287(g) program, authorized under section 287(g)
6 of the Immigration and Nationality Act, permits the U.S. Department
7 of Homeland Security and its subagency, U.S. Immigration and
8 Customs Enforcement (ICE), to enter into agreements with state and
9 local law enforcement agencies, allowing designated officers to
10 perform federal immigration law enforcement functions under the
11 supervision of ICE. Such functions include identifying and
12 processing removable aliens who have been arrested, enforcing

1 limited immigration authority during routine police duties, and
2 serving and executing administrative warrants on aliens in jail;
3 and

4 Whereas, The unlawful entry or reentry of an alien into the
5 United States, including entry outside of authorized ports,
6 constitutes a federal crime under title 8, sections 1325 and 1326
7 of the United States Code, and the federal government has a duty to
8 identify, detain, and remove individuals who violate these laws.
9 The federal government can more easily fulfill these obligations by
10 partnering with local law enforcement agencies to advance their
11 common interest in combatting crime; and

12 Whereas, Local participation in the 287(g) program increases
13 cooperation between federal and local authorities, ensuring that
14 individuals who are unlawfully present in the United States and who
15 are arrested for criminal offenses can be more easily identified,
16 detained, and processed for removal in a coordinated manner. This
17 increased cooperation not only enables more efficient processes but
18 also enhances public safety. By working with local law enforcement,
19 the federal government is able to prioritize the removal of
20 criminal aliens and gang members, particularly those who pose a
21 threat to Michigan communities through acts of violence, drug
22 trafficking, human smuggling, and organized crime; and

23 Whereas, The 287(g) program provides comprehensive federal
24 training, resources, and oversight to help ensure that
25 participating local officers operate within the bounds of the law
26 and uphold constitutional protections while enforcing immigration
27 laws; and

28 Whereas, The City of Taylor's police department has
29 demonstrated leadership by signing a 287(g) Task Force Model

1 agreement, setting a model for effective collaboration with ICE and
2 reaffirming the critical role local governments can play in
3 upholding federal immigration law; and

4 Whereas, Encouraging broader participation in the 287(g)
5 program will send a clear message that Michigan supports the rule
6 of law, stands with law-abiding citizens, and will not tolerate
7 sanctuary policies or the obstruction of federal immigration
8 enforcement; now, therefore, be it

9 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we encourage
10 all Michigan county sheriffs, police departments, and other local
11 law enforcement agencies to explore and pursue entry into 287(g)
12 agreements with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement; and be it
13 further

14 Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the
15 Chief Executive Officer and Executive Director of the Michigan
16 Sheriffs' Association, the President of the Michigan Association of
17 Chiefs of Police, the Director of U.S. Immigration and Customs
18 Enforcement, and the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Homeland
19 Security.