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**HOUSE RESOLUTION 627**

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Sponsors: Representatives Glazier, Foushee, McManus, and Luebke (Primary Sponsors).  
*For a complete list of Sponsors, refer to the North Carolina General Assembly Web Site.*

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Referred to: Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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April 10, 2013

1 A HOUSE RESOLUTION SUPPORTING COMPREHENSIVE IMMIGRATION REFORM.

2 Whereas, citizenship is an important symbol of full membership and participation in  
3 society that should be encouraged, not barred; and

4 Whereas, North Carolina and America have prospered because of the contributions  
5 of hardworking, aspiring citizens; and

6 Whereas, America has a long and rich heritage of immigration, but our current  
7 immigration system is broken; and

8 Whereas, the United States immigration laws have not been updated in 20 years,  
9 and there are few avenues available for legal immigration; and

10 Whereas, the federal government's inability to enact immigration reform has created  
11 severe economic, cultural, and political strains in North Carolina and in communities across  
12 America; and

13 Whereas, Congress has discussed immigration reform, yet little progress has been  
14 made. Much of the concern surrounds the 11 million undocumented immigrants currently  
15 residing in the United States; and

16 Whereas, comprehensive immigration reform policies should accomplish and  
17 balance several goals that are in the best interest of the nation, restoring public confidence in a  
18 system of laws that promotes national security and public safety; and

19 Whereas, our nation's immigration system should effectively and fairly regulate how  
20 immigrants are allowed to enter, work, and live in the United States; and

21 Whereas, comprehensive immigration reform should include a realistic pathway to  
22 citizenship for all hardworking, taxpaying, aspiring citizens who live in the United States if  
23 they meet reasonable requirements; and

24 Whereas, comprehensive immigration reform should provide a mechanism for  
25 aspiring citizens who have grown up in this country to become citizens and be able to fully  
26 contribute to our joint future; and

27 Whereas, comprehensive immigration reform should update the legal immigration  
28 system so that the future flow of immigrant workers more realistically matches our nation's  
29 labor needs and is structured to protect the wages and working conditions of United States and  
30 immigrant workers; and

31 Whereas, comprehensive immigration reform enforcement provisions should restore  
32 respect for the law by promoting strict adherence to our nation's values, including due process,  
33 civil and human rights, and accountability; and



1           Whereas, the federal government has the exclusive authority to develop, implement,  
2 and enforce immigration policy under the United States Constitution, and the regulation of  
3 immigration is solely the responsibility of the federal government; and

4           Whereas, the United States must provide resources for immigration enforcement  
5 and implement enforcement measures that will accomplish these goals in an effective and  
6 humane manner; Now, therefore,

7 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

8           **SECTION 1.** The House of Representatives urges Congress to enact  
9 comprehensive immigration reform.

10           **SECTION 2.** The Principal Clerk shall transmit a certified copy of this resolution  
11 to the President and Vice President of the United States, the Majority and Minority Leader of  
12 the United States Senate, and the Speaker and Minority Leader of the United States House of  
13 Representatives, and to each member of Congress elected from the State of North Carolina.

14           **SECTION 3.** This resolution is effective upon adoption.