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Senate Resolution

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A resolution encouraging the 113th Congress of the

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United States to consider the five principles embraced

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by the Partnership for a New American Economy as it

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works to develop comprehensive immigration reforms.

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WHEREAS, the 1965 Immigration and Nationality Act brought a

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Depression-era immigration system into the post-World War II,

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Civil Rights age, abandoning longstanding racial quotas in favor

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of a system that strives for equality and focuses on reuniting

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families and, to a lesser extent, meeting workplace needs, and

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WHEREAS, while the 1965 reforms at that time represented a

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significant advance for families and equality, what was modern

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in an age before the VCR, the heart transplant, or the moon

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landing is antiquated in a digital age marked by instantaneous

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access to information and the rise of a global marketplace, and

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this nation's immigration system is once again outmoded,

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outdated, and ill-equipped for the demands of a modern society,

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WHEREAS, as the 113th Congress takes up the call for

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immigration reform, the Partnership for a New American Economy

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offers five principles that are essential to a modern

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immigration system: attracting and retaining the world's top

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innovators and entrepreneurs; recruiting talented workers needed

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to fill gaps in high- and low-skilled sectors of the economy;

26 bringing 11 million undocumented immigrants into the legal
27 economy so that they can pay taxes, attain better education, and
28 contribute more to the economic growth of the United States;
29 developing a state of the art system to ensure that immigration
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
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43 innovation and entrepreneurship and maximizing the productivity
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