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119TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

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Reaffirming the commitment of the House of Representatives to preserve
and expand pathways to citizenship.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mrs. RAMIREZ submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the
Committee on _____

RESOLUTION

Reaffirming the commitment of the House of Representatives
to preserve and expand pathways to citizenship.

Whereas the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United
States of America serves not only as a celebration, but
as a moment for renewed commitment to building a more
inclusive, equitable, and united future for all who call the
United States home;

Whereas immigrant communities in the United States make
significant social, cultural, economic, and civic contribu-
tions, strengthening the United States and enriching its
shared future, and reflecting the enduring promise of the
founding ideals of the United States;

Whereas, in recognition of the barriers and hardships faced by immigrants, their communities, schools, employers, and the country as a whole, the House of Representatives must take up the cause of immigration system change; and

Whereas the House of Representatives plays a critical role in advancing inclusion, equity, and opportunity for all residents regardless of immigration status: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the House of Rep-
2 resentatives—

3 (1) that a fair, efficient, and humane United
4 States immigration system must include—

5 (A) pathways to citizenship for the millions
6 of undocumented, long-term residents of the
7 United States who are the Nation's family
8 members, friends, and neighbors;

9 (B) humanitarian protection pathways that
10 welcome with dignity those who are seeking
11 safety in the United States, including by pro-
12 viding broad and meaningful access to asylum,
13 upholding the Nation's domestic and inter-
14 national legal obligations to provide refuge to
15 those in need; and

16 (C) expanded legal pathways for family
17 and employment immigration, recognizing that
18 family unity and strengthened protections for

1 all workers in the United States are founda-
2 tions of thriving communities for all;

3 (2) that a fair, efficient, and humane United
4 States immigration system must address—

5 (A) the militarized immigration enforce-
6 ment system that expands mass surveillance,
7 deputizes State and local law enforcement, and
8 allows private corporations to profit from the
9 arrest, detention, and deportation of the Na-
10 tion's families, friends, and neighbors;

11 (B) all barriers to family unity, including
12 arbitrary 3- and 10-year bars that force United
13 States citizens and mixed-status families to sep-
14 arate from their loved ones;

15 (C) all measures that criminalize and re-
16 strict access to humanitarian protection, includ-
17 ing limits that violate the obligations of the
18 United States under the 1951 Refugee Conven-
19 tion and the 1984 Convention Against Torture;

20 (D) arbitrary caps on visas, including
21 country-based limits, which block open access to
22 legal pathways and create decades-long wait
23 times;

24 (E) barriers to protections for all working
25 people in the United States, including the cur-

1 rent system's reliance on exploitative, tem-
2 porary visas that bar immigrants from chang-
3 ing employers, preserving family unity, and ad-
4 justing their status;

5 (F) bars on access to services and benefits
6 for all residents of the United States, which do
7 not promote thriving and healthy communities
8 for all; and

9 (G) barriers faced by communities that
10 have not been fairly and consistently served by
11 the current immigration system, including but
12 not limited to children, people of color, people
13 with disabilities, and people fleeing violence;
14 and

15 (3) that Congress must act swiftly to update
16 and overhaul the United States immigration system
17 to uphold human rights and constitutional protec-
18 tions, and the Nation's democracy.