

Rep. Guerra offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 243.

A resolution to urge the Congress of the United States to enact legislation that continues the federal Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program and provides a pathway for permanent resident status for recipients.

Whereas, The Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, or DACA, allows certain people who came to the United States as children and meet certain guidelines to apply for a renewable two-year deferment from prosecutorial action. While it does not grant the individual legal status, DACA allows the applicant to obtain work authorization. This program affirms our commitment to the American dream; and

Whereas, On September 5, 2017, President Trump announced the administration will end the DACA program and not renew the deferred action for many participants; and

Whereas, More than 6,400 DACA recipients are proud to call Michigan home, and the state of Michigan is committed to these families. They are our neighbors, our co-workers, our friends, and our family members. They are productive and contributing members of society—working hard, studying hard, and abiding by the rules—and exhibit the very best traits of all Americans; and

Whereas, Immediate action is necessary to ensure that these individuals are allowed to remain in their homes and their communities. In difficult circumstances, they came to the United States, and in many cases, the states they call home, including Michigan, are the only home they have ever known. But, in the coming months, the deportation of DACA recipients will begin. Providing these individuals with a long-term solution that allows them to continue as productive members of American society and contributing members of this economy, while also allowing a path toward permanent resident status, exemplifies the best of American ideals and compassion; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we urge the Congress of the United States to enact legislation that continues the federal Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program and provides a pathway for permanent resident status for recipients; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.