

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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**HOUSE RESOLUTION 2692
Committee Substitute Favorable 7/13/06
Committee Substitute #2 Favorable 7/20/06**

Sponsors:

Referred to:

May 25, 2006

1 A HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT
2 OF AN IMMIGRATION COURT IN NORTH CAROLINA, URGING
3 CONGRESS TO MAKE CONVICTION OF DRIVING WHILE IMPAIRED A
4 DEPORTABLE OFFENSE, AND SUPPORTING EXPANSION OF THE
5 DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY'S PROGRAM PERMITTING
6 LOCAL OFFICERS TO IDENTIFY PERSONS NOT LEGALLY PRESENT IN
7 THE UNITED STATES AND HAVE BEEN PREVIOUSLY DEPORTED OR
8 WHO ARE WANTED ON OUTSTANDING FELONY CHARGES.

9 Whereas, the State of North Carolina is estimated to have had an increased
10 foreign-born population of 273.7% between 1990 and 2000; is estimated to have an
11 illegal immigrant population of over 300,000; and is home to the United States'
12 eighth-largest population of illegal immigrants; and

13 Whereas, the North Carolina General Assembly concurs with Representative
14 Sue Myrick and other members of the North Carolina Congressional Delegation's
15 assertions that the Atlanta Immigration Court's distance from the State of North
16 Carolina presents an undue burden for North Carolina citizens and hampers efforts to
17 combat criminal actions committed by illegal aliens; Now, therefore,

18 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

19 **SECTION 1.** The House of Representatives of the State of North Carolina
20 supports United States Representative Sue Myrick and other members of the North
21 Carolina Congressional Delegation's calls to the United States Department of Justice to
22 establish an Immigration Court in Charlotte, North Carolina, and urges the United States
23 Department of Justice to establish an Immigration Court in North Carolina as soon as
24 possible. The House of Representatives also calls on Congress to make a conviction in
25 any state court of an offense of driving while impaired a deportable offense for any
26 person not legally present in the United States, and urges the Department of Homeland
27 Security to designate six additional North Carolina counties in its program under section
28 287(g) of the Immigration and Nationality Act to permit local officers to identify
29 persons not legally present in the United States and who have previously been deported

1 or who are persons wanted on outstanding felony charges in North Carolina or another
2 state.

3 **SECTION 2.** The Principal Clerk shall transmit certified copies of this
4 resolution to each member of North Carolina's Congressional Delegation.

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