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# H. RES. 246

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that States and units of local government should enact legislation to prohibit the issuance of business, professional, or occupational licenses to unauthorized aliens.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GOODE submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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# RESOLUTION

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Whereas the Federal Government has failed to take adequate measures to curb illegal immigration;

Whereas the failure by the Federal Government to curb illegal immigration has placed, and continues to place, a substantial burden on States and units of local government;

Whereas many State and local governments have already worked actively to discourage illegal immigration and to assist in the enforcement of our Nation's immigration laws;

Whereas many illegal aliens in this country obtain business, professional, or occupational (BPO) licenses to work as self-employed independent contractors, allowing them to avoid citizenship verification measures to which they would be subject if they were otherwise employed;

Whereas permitting illegal aliens to obtain BPO licenses is a reward for illegal behavior conducted by these aliens; and

Whereas many States and units of local government, such as the Commonwealth of Virginia, have considered or are considering measures to prohibit the issuance of BPO licenses: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the House of Rep-  
2       resentatives that States and units of local government  
3       should enact legislation to prohibit the issuance of busi-  
4       ness, professional, or occupational licenses to aliens who  
5       are not lawfully present in the United States, or are not  
6       authorized to be employed in the United States.

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