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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 7

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DRUGS/ILLEGAL: Memorializes Congress to take necessary actions to halt the influx of fentanyl from Mexico and China into the United States

1	A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
2	To memorialize the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to halt the
3	influx of fentanyl from Mexico and China into the United States.
4	WHEREAS, Mexico and China have become the dominant sources of fentanyl in the
5	United States; mass quantities of fentanyl are crossing into the United States from Mexico
6	and China; and
7	WHEREAS, the volume of fentanyl smuggled into the United States has killed
8	thousands of Americans and has the potential to kill and harm thousands more Americans;
9	and
10	WHEREAS, fentanyl is being packaged and disseminated as elements of falsely
11	identified prescription and illegal drugs into the United States; and
12	WHEREAS, fentanyl that originates in Mexico and China has been detected in forms
13	such as candy and food products, and on United States currency; and
14	WHEREAS, the country of Mexico, as a sovereign nation, should have control over
15	its own territory and landmass and should be highly concerned with the influx of base
16	chemicals and production capacities into its own nation; and
17	WHEREAS, the government of Mexico is responsible for management and control
18	of its own border, and as a member of the United Nations, to act in a responsible manner to
19	surrounding countries; and

1 WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, fentanyl 2 is a major contributor to fatal and nonfatal overdoses in the United States and most cases of 3 fentanyl-related overdoses are linked to illicitly manufactured fentanyl, which is distributed 4 through illegal drug markets; and 5 WHEREAS, the Republic of Mexico and the People's Republic of China should take 6 immediate action to locate and eradicate the receipt, storage, production, and dissemination 7 of this dangerous drug; and 8 WHEREAS, it is necessary that the United States Congress takes immediate action 9 to stop the free flow of fentanyl into the United States. 10 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby 11 memorialize the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to halt the 12 influx of fentanyl from Mexico and China into the United States. 13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the 14 presiding officers of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Congress of the 15 United States of America and to each member of the Louisiana congressional delegation.

## DIGEST

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