

## ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE

## FIRST SESSION

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 28**

Introduced by Fulton, 29.

WHEREAS, the State of Nebraska holds an interest in preventing illegal immigration and securing public health, safety, and welfare against terrorism and criminal activity; and

WHEREAS, protection of the public health, safety, and welfare is most effectively accomplished by the utilization of federal law enforcement resources in cooperation with state and local law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Homeland Security has implemented the Secure Communities program whereby all fingerprints taken by participating state and local law enforcement agencies are matched against the United States Visitor and Immigrant Status Indicator Technology Program (US-VISIT), the Automated Biometric Identification System (IDENT), and other federal data bases used to determine immigration status; and

WHEREAS, the Secure Communities program properly places the responsibility of selecting criminal aliens for removal with the federal government; and

WHEREAS, the Secure Communities program has resulted in over three hundred thousand data base matches leading to the removal of over sixty-four thousand criminal aliens; and

WHEREAS, the Secure Communities program has been implemented in approximately seven hundred jurisdictions in over thirty states, including in at least ten of Nebraska's largest communities; and

WHEREAS, United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement plans to implement the Secure Communities program in each of the three thousand one hundred state and local jails nationwide by the year 2013.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Legislature encourages all municipal, county, and state law enforcement agencies in the State of Nebraska to participate in the Secure Communities program by the year 2012.

2. That a copy of this resolution be delivered to all municipal, county, and state law enforcement agencies in the State of Nebraska.