

RESOLUTION

Expressing support for federal relief legislation providing for the naturalization and U.S. citizenship of Manuel Bartsch.

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the Board of County Commissioners of Cuyahoga County, Ohio, that Manuel Bartsch, of Gilboa, Ohio, is an 18-year old high school senior and has resided in the State of Ohio for nearly ten years, after having been brought to the United States as a young child by his step-grandfather.

WHEREAS, Manuel Bartsch's legal guardian took no responsible steps to legalize Manuel's immigration status so he could lawfully remain in the United States.

WHEREAS, Manuel Bartsch has attended the Pandora-Gilboa High School in Pandora, Ohio, and expects to graduate in May 2006.

WHEREAS, Manuel Bartsch, on his own initiative, sought the counsel and assistance of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), to clarify his immigration status.

WHEREAS, Manuel Bartsch's request for assistance to the USCIS ultimately resulted in his arrest and detention by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

WHEREAS, ICE ultimately released Manuel Bartsch from custody but continues to vigorously pursue his deportation from the United States.

AND, WHEREAS, because Manuel Bartsch has spent the formative years of his life living and attending school in Ohio and other special humanitarian circumstances exist in this case...

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Cuyahoga County, Ohio, expresses support for the introduction, passage and enactment of relief legislation that provides for Manuel Bartsch's naturalization and United States citizenship.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Board be, and she is, hereby instructed to transmit a copy of this resolution to President George W. Bush; U.S. Senators from Ohio Michael DeWine and George Voinovich and the other members of the Ohio Congressional Delegation.

On Motion of Commissioner Hagan, seconded by Commissioner Jones, the foregoing resolution was duly adopted.

Ayes: Hagan, Jones, Dimora.

Nays: None.

Resolution Adopted.

**Penelope M. Hughes,
Clerk of the Board**

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