

# SR-4

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE AMERICAN LEGION BOYS NATION

Mr. Hamilton of Texas submitted the following resolution;

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# RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The recognition of birthright citizenship by the US Federal Government is inconsistent, vague, and dangerous; and

WHEREAS, This raises important questions about the nature of reform within the US Immigration system as well as the jurisdiction of the Federal Government's Constitutional authority; and

WHEREAS, The promise of birthright citizenship unduly incentivizes the harm of undocumented migrants and their families through the maternity of a non-citizen child as a method to ensure familial residency within US territory; and

WHEREAS, Thousands of migrant children have been separated from their parents because of this process; and

WHEREAS, Most developed countries confer citizenship by the principle of jus sanguinis, or the right of blood granted for having parents of a certain nationality rather than being born in a given territory; and

WHEREAS, Developed countries that recognize citizenship by the principle of jus soli, or birthright citizenship, have various legal restrictions that confer the right to specific groups of the population rather than a sweeping mandate; and

WHEREAS, The Constitutional precedent and legal understanding of birthright citizenship has been broadly addressed in the context of institutional racial discrimination, so adherence to these standards is obsolete and incomplete given the dramatic change of our cultural and political climate; and

WHEREAS, The US Federal Government has a moral obligation to ensuring the security and documentation of its citizenry, and it has a moral obligation to ensuring the humane regulation of immigration without equivocation; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Boys Nation Congress here assembled should revoke and outlaw the principle of birthright citizenship after enactment and reform current governmental statutes in accordance with this change.