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House Memorial

A memorial to the Congress of the United States  
urging appropriation of certain funds for  
Everglades restoration.

WHEREAS, Florida's Everglades is the largest wetland  
and subtropical wilderness in the United States, and a rare  
ecological resource of national significance, and

WHEREAS, the Everglades National Park has been  
designated an International Biosphere Reserve, an Outstanding  
Florida Water, and a United Nations World Heritage Site, and

WHEREAS, the Arthur R. Marshall Loxahatchee National  
Wildlife Refuge has been designated an Outstanding Florida  
Water and a critical habitat for the endangered snail kite,  
and

WHEREAS, the United States was a signatory to the 1993  
Statement of Principles endorsing shared responsibility for  
implementing Everglades restoration through a mediated  
technical plan, and

WHEREAS, the Florida Legislature passed the Everglades  
Forever Act, adopting the 1993 Statement of Principles and the  
mediated technical plan, and providing for Everglades  
restoration through implementation of the Everglades  
Construction Project, and

WHEREAS, dedicated state and local revenues have been  
made available to support the Everglades Construction Project,  
and

WHEREAS, project components for which the Federal  
Government is financially responsible have been funded from  
state and local revenues, and

1           WHEREAS, federal moneys for Everglades restoration have  
2 been authorized by the 1996 Water Resources Development Act,  
3 NOW, THEREFORE,

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5 Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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7           That the Congress of the United States is requested to  
8 appropriate funds as authorized in the 1996 Water Resources  
9 Development Act (Section 315) for construction of an enlarged  
10 stormwater detention area, Stormwater Treatment Area 1 East,  
11 generally in accordance with the plan of improvements  
12 described in the February 15, 1994, report entitled  
13 "Everglades Protection Project, Palm Beach County, Florida,  
14 Conceptual Design."

15           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
16 dispatched to the President of the United States, to the  
17 President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the  
18 United States House of Representatives, and to each member of  
19 the Florida delegation to the United States Congress.

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