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House Resolution

A resolution commending Jack M. Berry, Inc., the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, the South Florida Water Management District, and the United States Environmental Protection Agency for their successful participation in "Project XL."

WHEREAS, Project XL is one of the current presidential administration's strategies to provide environmental and public health protection at less cost, and

WHEREAS, under the leadership of Secretary Virginia Wetherell and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Carol M. Browner and the United States Environmental Protection Agency, the South Florida Water Management District, and all the employees of Jack M. Berry, Inc., a landmark agreement has been reached which reduces costs and simplifies regulatory language in the permit process, and

WHEREAS, Jack M. Berry, Inc., a LaBelle, Florida, citrus juice processor, is the first in the nation to sign a final project agreement, which authorizes the development of a "one-stop" comprehensive operating permit, and

WHEREAS, the agreement between Jack M. Berry, Inc., the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, the South Florida Water Management District, and the United States Environmental Protection Agency will serve as a model to other companies wishing to have the flexibility to explore innovative solutions to environmental issues, NOW, THEREFORE,

1 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of  
2 Florida:

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4 That the Florida Legislature supports and urges the  
5 continued development and utilization of innovative projects  
6 between business and government, such as Project XL, that  
7 offer innovative solutions to environmental issues and are  
8 designed to provide environmental and health protection at a  
9 reduced cost to the citizens of the State of Florida.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution  
11 be presented to Jack M. Berry, Inc., the Florida Department of  
12 Environmental Protection, the South Florida Water Management  
13 District, and the United States Environmental Protection  
14 Agency in recognition of their successful partnership in  
15 Project XL.

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