

By Representative Albright

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House Resolution

A resolution supporting the passage of the Lake
Ocklawaha Recreation Area Management Plan.

WHEREAS, the people of the State of Florida and
visitors to the state enjoy and benefit from the Rodman
Ecosystem, and

WHEREAS, the Rodman Ecosystem is a 10,000 acre home to
abundant flora and fauna and has substantial economic,
environmental, and recreational benefits to all citizens of
Florida, and

WHEREAS, the Rodman Ecosystem is home to a vast and
varied number of animals and birds, including the endangered
Bald Eagle, and

WHEREAS, with the increasing demand on Florida's water
reserves, the Rodman Ecosystem can provide billions of gallons
of water in reserve as a future resource of fresh water for
future needs, and

WHEREAS, the Rodman Ecosystem has never been managed
with the goal of maximizing its environmental and recreational
benefits, and

WHEREAS, a study group headed by Dr. Dan Canfield and
Mark Hoyer of the University of Florida Department of
Fisheries has submitted a management plan entitled "Lake
Ocklawaha Recreation Area - 'Gateway to the Greenway,'" and

WHEREAS, the implementation of this management plan
would be of great benefit to the people of the State of
Florida and all who enjoy Florida's natural resources, 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 House of Representatives hereby
5 expresses its support for the adoption of the Lake Ocklawaha
6 Recreation Area Management Plan.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution
8 be transmitted to the Speaker of the Florida House of
9 Representatives, the President of the Florida Senate, and to
10 each member of the Florida Cabinet.

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