HOUSE AMENDMENT

Bill No. HB 2077

Amendment No. ____ (for drafter's use only) CHAMBER ACTION Senate House 1 2 3 4 5 ORIGINAL STAMP BELOW 6 7 8 9 10 11 The Committee on General Government Appropriations offered the following: 12 13 14 Amendment (with title amendment) On page 1, line 25 through page 3, line 10, 15 remove from the bill: all of said lines 16 17 and insert in lieu thereof: 18 19 Section 1. There is created the Bay of Pigs and 20 Operation Mongoose Historical Site and Memorial Oversight 21 Board, composed of one representative each from the John 22 Pennekamp Coral Reef State Park, the Molasses Reef Condominium Association, the Molasses Reef Marina Corporation, and the Bay 23 24 of Pigs and Operation Mongoose Historical Site and Memorial Non-Profit Corporation, which shall oversee the development 25 26 and operation of the site. 27 28 29 30 And the title is amended as follows: 31 On page 1, lines 4 through 21, 1 File original & 9 copies hap0019 04/12/00 11:08 am 02077-qq -885655

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remove from the title of the bill: all of said lines 1 2 3 and insert in lieu thereof: 4 Memorial; establishing an oversight board and 5 providing for membership on the board; providing an effective date. 6 7 WHEREAS, the main thrust of the Bay of Pigs invasion 8 9 was launched on April 17, 1961, from bases in Nicaragua 10 towards southern Cuba, and clandestine diversionary raids were 11 launched towards northern Cuba from several marinas in the 12 Florida Keys, including the marina and jetty located at the 13 present location of Molasses Reef marina at mile marker 99.5 14 on the Atlantic coast at Key Largo, in and adjoining John 15 Pennekamp Coral Reef State Park, and 16 WHEREAS, the 2506 Assault Brigade invasion force was 17 composed of approximately 1,500 Cuban expatriates, of which an 18 estimated 300 were killed and 1,179 were captured by the 19 Castro Forces, and 20 WHEREAS, after the failure of the Bay of Pigs invasion, the United States commenced Operation Mongoose, which was a 21 clandestine plan designed to subvert the Cuban government 22 through sabotage, propaganda, and infiltration, and 23 24 WHEREAS, it is fitting that a memorial be erected to 25 recognize the members of the 2506 Assault Brigade who were involved in the Bay of Pigs invasion, and Operation Mongoose 26 27 participants, many of whom were killed and all of whom risked 28 their lives in the attempts to free their homeland, NOW, 29 THEREFORE, 30 31 2

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