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House Resolution

A resolution urging the United States Congress and the President of the United States to support Senate Bill 2058, which extends filing deadlines for applications for adjustment of resident status of Haitian and other nationals.

WHEREAS, the State of Florida is home to a vibrant and involved community of Haitian-Americans, and

WHEREAS, the Haitian-Americans who reside in Florida are concerned about the welfare and safety of Haitian migrants who seek to remain in or to enter the United States, and

WHEREAS, Congress passed the Haitian Refugee Immigration Fairness Act of 1998, an amnesty program for Haitians who fled persecution in their homeland, designed to expedite the process for making these immigrants legal residents of the United States, and

WHEREAS, the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service released final application guidelines for Haitian applicants only 7 days prior to expiration of the law, and

WHEREAS, United States Senators Bob Graham and Connie Mack of Florida have introduced legislation that would extend the application deadline for one year, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

That the United States Congress is urged to hear and pass, and the President of the United States is urged to support and sign, Senate Bill 2058, which extends the filing

1 deadlines for applications for adjustment of resident status
2 for Haitian and other nationals.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President of the United
4 States is urged to issue a protective order preventing Haitian
5 nationals who are eligible for legal resident status under
6 Senate Bill 2058 from being deported while Senate Bill 2058 is
7 pending in the 106th Congress.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution
9 be sent to the President of the United States, the President
10 of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States
11 House of Representatives, and to each member of the Florida
12 delegation to the United States Congress.

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