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House Memorial

A memorial to the Congress of the United States, urging Congress to allow the citizens of Florida open access to the waterways of Florida.

WHEREAS, the citizens of the great State of Florida hold the manatee in the highest regard, and

WHEREAS, the citizens of the great State of Florida have established laws and regulations to protect the manatee population, and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Florida, especially the boaters, have been instrumental in fostering the recovery of the manatee population to record numbers, beyond all expectations and predictions, and

WHEREAS, federal intervention by designating manatee protection refuges and sanctuaries would curtail the rights of citizens who depend on boating to maintain their homes and businesses, and impede their right to pursue happiness, and

WHEREAS, a great number of citizens of the great State of Florida choose to live here solely to enjoy boating and the state's waterways, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

That the Congress of the United States is requested to assure all Floridians that their boating rights will not be abridged by federal designation of manatee protection refuges and sanctuaries.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be sent to the President of the United States, the President of

1 the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States
2 House of Representatives, and each member of the Florida
3 Delegation to the United States Congress.
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