

By Senator Garcia

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the Bay of Pigs and
3 Operation Mongoose Historical Site and Memorial
4 Study Group; establishing the Bay of Pigs and
5 Operation Mongoose Historical Site and Memorial
6 Study Group; providing for membership of the
7 study group; requiring the study group to
8 compile and submit a report; providing an
9 effective date.

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11 WHEREAS, the main thrust of the Bay of Pigs invasion
12 was launched on April 17, 1961, from bases in Nicaragua
13 towards southern Cuba, and clandestine diversionary raids were
14 launched towards northern Cuba from the Florida Keys, and

15 WHEREAS, the 2506 Assault Brigade invasion force was
16 composed of approximately 1,500 Cuban expatriates, of which an
17 estimated 300 were killed and 1,179 were captured by the
18 Castro Forces, and

19 WHEREAS, after the failure of the Bay of Pigs invasion,
20 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 WHEREAS, it is fitting that a memorial be erected to
24 recognize the members of the 2506 Assault Brigade who were
25 involved in the Bay of Pigs invasion and the Operation
26 Mongoose participants, many of whom were killed and all of
27 whom risked their lives in the attempts to free their
28 homeland, NOW, THEREFORE,

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30 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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