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Senate Memorial No. 1008

A memorial to the Congress of the United States, urging Congress to adopt H.R. 505, or similar legislation, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for the adjustment of the status of alien children who arrive in the United States without their parents and to establish a panel of advisors to assist unaccompanied alien children in immigration proceedings.

WHEREAS, under current policy of the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service, certain minors coming into the United States are subject to being handcuffed, shackled, and even placed in solitary confinement, and

WHEREAS, H.R. 505, the Alien Unaccompanied Minor Adjustment and Protection Act of 2001, would not only provide for a more humane treatment of certain minor alien children, but would also allow them to have access to family within the United States and provide them with legal assistance and guardians ad litem, and

WHEREAS, this act provides a means by which to assist these children who have dreamed of a better life and who have risked their lives to come to a country of freedom and opportunity, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

That the Congress of the United States is requested to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act and enact H.R. 505, the Alien Unaccompanied Minor Adjustment and Protection Act of

1 2001, or similar legislation, to provide assistance to alien
2 unaccompanied minor children in immigration proceedings.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
4 dispatched to the President of the United States, to the
5 President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the
6 United States House of Representatives, and to each member of
7 the Florida delegation to the United States Congress.

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