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CHAMBER ACTION

The Committee on Judiciary recommends the following:

Committee Substitute

Remove the entire bill and insert:

House Memorial No. _____

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



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

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

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35 That the Congress of the United States is requested to
36 amend the Immigration and Nationality Act and enact H.R. 505,
37 the Alien Unaccompanied Minor Adjustment and Protection Act of
38 2001, or similar legislation, to provide assistance to alien
39 unaccompanied minor children in immigration proceedings.

40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
41 dispatched to the President of the United States, to the
42 President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the
43 United States House of Representatives, and to each member of
44 the Florida delegation to the United States Congress.