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House Memorial

A memorial to the Congress of the United States, urging Congress to fully fund the Payment In Lieu Of Taxes Program for federally owned lands.

WHEREAS, the Federal Government and the nation benefit from federal acquisition of lands, and

WHEREAS, the citizens of the United States of America benefit from the continued expansion of federal lands for conservation, recreation, parks, wildlife preservation, and other national-interest purposes, and

WHEREAS, the natural characteristics and location of Florida's lands offer attractive expansions of current federal facilities and acquisition of new facilities, and

WHEREAS, current federal payments authorized under the Payment in Lieu of Taxes Act are dependent upon annual appropriations by Congress, and

WHEREAS, on average, Congress has funded the Payment in Lieu of Taxes Program at less than the full amount, and

WHEREAS, Florida's local governments could have received \$10.4 million in addition to the \$10.5 million they received between 1998 and 2002, and

WHEREAS, federal as well as state and local communities benefit from the range and quality of services local governments provide, and

WHEREAS, the continuation of range and quality of local government services is dependent upon the overall continued fiscal health of Florida's local governments, NOW, THEREFORE,

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



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32 That the Congress of the United States is encouraged to  
33 fully fund the Payment In Lieu of Taxes Program established  
34 under the Payment in Lieu of Taxes Act of 1976.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
36 dispatched to the President of the United States, the President  
37 of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States  
38 House of Representatives, and each member of the Florida  
39 delegation to the United States Congress.