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1 House Memorial

2 A memorial to the Congress of the United States, urging
3 Congress to pass and enact the defense appropriations
4 legislation before all other spending bills in 2004 and in
5 future years.

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7 WHEREAS, the security of our nation and its people is the
8 first and foremost obligation of the Federal Government, and

9 WHEREAS, the men and women of our United States Armed
10 Forces now serving in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps,
11 Coast Guard, Merchant Marines, National Guard, and Reserves have
12 shown great courage and self-sacrifice and deserve to be
13 equipped with the best weapons and resources to protect our
14 nation, and

15 WHEREAS, in past years politicians have delayed passing the
16 defense appropriations bill until late in the budget year so
17 that the defense appropriations bill was misused as a dumping
18 ground for pork-barrel spending and as a political hostage to
19 pork-barrel spending in other appropriations bills, and

20 WHEREAS, in the wake of the terrorist attacks of September
21 11, 2001, on the United States, President Bush asked that the
22 Congress of the United States pass the defense appropriations
23 bill before passing other spending bills, and

24 WHEREAS, Congress acted responsibly in the spring of 2002
25 when it passed the defense appropriations bill first, thereby
26 protecting the men and women in our armed forces from becoming
27 pawns for politicians' spending maneuvers, NOW, THEREFORE,

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29 Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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31 That the Congress of the United States is commended for
32 making our nation's defense its first priority in 2002 and is
33 requested to continue this important tradition by passing and
34 enacting the defense appropriations legislation before all other
35 spending bills in 2004 and in future years.

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