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## House Memorial

A memorial to the Congress of the United States, urging Congress to work to allow a timely vote on the floor of the United States Senate on all judicial nominations.

WHEREAS, Article II, Section 2 of the United States Constitution states the President "shall nominate, and by and with the Advice and Consent of the Senate, shall appoint Ambassadors, other public Ministers and Consuls, Judges of the Supreme Court, and all other Officers of the United States," and

WHEREAS, the Administrative Office of the United States Courts has classified 22 judgeships as "judicial emergencies," and

WHEREAS, 43 of President George W. Bush's judicial nominees are pending before the United States Senate, and

WHEREAS, 63 percent of President Bush's court of appeals nominations have been to fill seats classified as judicial emergencies, and

WHEREAS, 42 percent of President Bush's district court nominations have been to fill seats classified as judicial emergencies, and

WHEREAS, a minority of senators have used dilatory tactics to prevent a Senate floor vote on six of President Bush's judicial nominees, all of whom were reported favorably by the Committee on the Judiciary, and

WHEREAS, each of President Bush's judicial nominees reported favorably by the Committee on the Judiciary enjoys the support of a majority of the United States Senate, as is required by the United States Constitution, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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33 That the Congress of the United States is requested to work  
34 to allow a timely vote on the floor of the United States Senate  
35 on all judicial nominations.

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.