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House Resolution

A resolution urging the United States Congress to give first priority to supporting and passing the Defense Appropriations bill.

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

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

WHEREAS, in past years, politicians have delayed passing the Defense Appropriations bill until late in the budget year so that the Defense Appropriations bill was misused as a dumping ground for pork barrel spending and as a political hostage to pork barrel spending in other appropriations bills, and

WHEREAS, in the wake of the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, on America, President Bush asked that the Congress of the United States pass the Defense Appropriations bill before passing other spending bills, and

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

Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Florida:

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31 That the House of Representatives of the State of Florida
32 commends the United States Congress for making our nation's
33 defense its first priority in 2002 and requests that our
34 Representatives and Senators in the Congress continue this
35 important tradition by joining other members of Congress in
36 passing and enacting the Defense Appropriations bill before all
37 other spending bills in 2004 and in future years.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be
39 transmitted to the members of the Congressional Delegation of
40 the State of Florida.