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1 House Memorial

2 A memorial to the Congress of the United States, urging
 3 Congress to insist that the United States Department of
 4 Defense take whatever action is necessary to armor
 5 American military vehicles in Iraq and Afghanistan.
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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 Marine, 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, the Secretary of Defense recently admitted that
 16 the military sent soldiers into harm's way without the necessary
 17 armor to protect themselves, and

18 WHEREAS, troops serving in Iraq are forced to rummage
 19 through Iraqi landfills in order to find materials to armor
 20 their vehicles, and

21 WHEREAS, the House Armed Services committee confirmed that
 22 only 75 percent of Humvees have the necessary armor, while only
 23 10 percent of the 4,814 medium-weight transport trucks, and only
 24 15 percent of the 4,314 heavy-weight transport vehicles are
 25 armored, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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 29 That the Congress of the United States immediately take
 30 action to require the United States Department of Defense to

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31 armor any and all military vehicles carrying American troops and
32 civilians in Iraq and Afghanistan.

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