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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, there is a high likelihood of at least one vacancy on the United States Supreme Court during the 109th Congress, and

WHEREAS, there is a possibility of the need to elevate a sitting justice on the United States Supreme Court to the position of Chief Justice during the 109th Congress, and

WHEREAS, activist judges on some federal courts have frustrated the constitutional structure which prescribes that laws shall be written by elected legislatures, and

WHEREAS, President George W. Bush has expressed his commitment to appoint federal judges who will strictly interpret the United States Constitution, and

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

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

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30 That the Congress of the United States is requested to work
31 to allow a timely vote on the floor of the United States Senate
32 on all judicial nominations.

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.