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1 House Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing and expressing heartfelt
3 gratitude to the 38 U.S. states and 2 Canadian provinces
4 that provided relief workers and equipment to help restore
5 electrical power to Florida in the long aftermath of
6 Hurricanes Charley, Frances, Ivan, and Jeanne.

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8 WHEREAS, the four major hurricanes that struck Florida in
9 August and September of 2004 damaged or destroyed vital
10 infrastructure in nearly all of the state's counties, leaving
11 millions of residents and visitors without power for many weeks
12 at a time between August 13 and October 1, and

13 WHEREAS, Hurricane Charley left 1.7 million people without
14 power, Hurricane Frances left 2.9 million people without power,
15 Hurricane Ivan left 443,000 people without power, and Hurricane
16 Jeanne left 2.9 million people without power, and in Hardee
17 County the entire power-delivery structure was completely
18 destroyed, and

19 WHEREAS, the severity of the recurrent battering of Florida
20 in August and September greatly overtaxed the capability of
21 state and local government and Florida's electric utility
22 companies to restore power, compromising the safety, security,
23 and health of residents and businesses, and

24 WHEREAS, 38 U.S. states and 2 Canadian provinces responded
25 to Florida's crisis by sending thousands of power-restoration
26 workers, along with the necessary equipment, to rebuild the
27 state's electric power infrastructure, and

28 WHEREAS, these states and provinces are: Alabama, Arizona,
29 Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Georgia,

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30 Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland,
 31 Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri,
 32 Montana, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North
 33 Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Rhode
 34 Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont,
 35 Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Ontario, and Quebec, and

36 WHEREAS, Floridians in thousands of our communities have
 37 had personal opportunities to express their gratitude directly
 38 to the relief workers who came to Florida and worked tirelessly
 39 to repair the hurricane damage, and

40 WHEREAS, the members of the Florida House of
 41 Representatives also wish to express enthusiastic gratitude for
 42 the vital support provided by these states and provinces and for
 43 the generous personal efforts extended by the individuals who
 44 came to Florida's rescue, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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 49 That the Florida House of Representatives pauses in its
 50 deliberations to honor those workers who came to the aid of this
 51 state following the hurricanes of 2004 and to express its
 52 gratitude for the generous support of the states and provinces
 53 that sent workers and equipment.