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1 House Memorial

2 A memorial to the Congress of the United States urging
3 passage of the defense appropriations bill before all
4 other appropriations bills.

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

8 WHEREAS, the men and women of our United States Armed
9 Forces now serving in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps,
10 Coast Guard, Merchant Marines, National Guard, and Reserves have
11 shown great courage and self-sacrifice and deserve to be
12 equipped with the best weapons and provided with the best
13 resources to protect our nation, and

14 WHEREAS, in the past, Congress has delayed passage of the
15 defense appropriations bill until late in the budget year,
16 making the bill susceptible to the addition of appropriations
17 unrelated to the defense budget needs, and

18 WHEREAS, in the wake of the terrorist attacks on the United
19 States of America, on September 11, 2001, President George W.
20 Bush asked that the Congress of the United States pass the
21 defense appropriations bill before passing other spending bills,
22 and

23 WHEREAS, Congress acted responsibly in 2002, 2003, 2004,
24 and 2005 by passing the defense appropriations bill before any
25 other appropriations bill, thereby lessening the possibility of
26 unrelated appropriations being added to the bill while providing
27 the necessary funding to protect the men and women in our Armed
28 Forces, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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32 That the United States Congress is commended for making our
33 nation's defense its first priority in 2002, 2003, 2004, and
34 2005 and is requested to continue this important tradition by
35 passing the defense appropriations bill before all other
36 spending bills in 2006 and in future years.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
38 dispatched to the President of the United States, to the
39 President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the
40 United States House of Representatives, and to each member of
41 the Florida delegation to the United States Congress.