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1 House Memorial

2 A memorial to the Congress of the United States, urging
3 Congress to fully authorize the conditionally approved
4 projects in section 601 of the Water Resources Development
5 Act of 2000 and the Indian River Lagoon and Picayune
6 Strand projects in the Comprehensive Everglades
7 Restoration Plan and to provide funding for the federal
8 share of the full and equal partnership.

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10 WHEREAS, the Everglades is one of the most unique and
11 fragile ecosystems in the world, and

12 WHEREAS, the Legislature and the Congress of the United
13 States have long recognized that the Everglades is imperiled and
14 must be restored, and

15 WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan was
16 approved by Congress as a framework for restoration of the
17 Everglades in the Water Resources Development Act of 2000, and

18 WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan will
19 restore more than 2.4 million acres of the south Florida
20 ecosystem while meeting the other water-related needs of the
21 region, and

22 WHEREAS, the Legislature and the governing board of the
23 South Florida Water Management District have appropriated more
24 than \$2 billion to implement the Comprehensive Everglades
25 Restoration Plan since the passage of the Water Resources
26 Development Act of 2000, and

27 WHEREAS, the Legislature and the governing board of the
28 South Florida Water Management District have provided more than

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29 90 percent of the funding to implement the plan, and the South
 30 Florida Water Management District has begun construction on the
 31 initial conditionally authorized projects, and

32 WHEREAS, the Water Resources Development Act of 2000
 33 approved the restoration plan as a full and equal partnership
 34 between the state government and the Federal Government, and

35 WHEREAS, the Indian River Lagoon and Picayune Strand
 36 projects and 10 conditionally authorized projects require
 37 authorization from Congress, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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 41 That the Congress of the United States is requested to
 42 fully authorize the conditionally approved projects in section
 43 601 of the Water Resources Development Act of 2000 and the
 44 Indian River Lagoon and Picayune Strand projects in the
 45 Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan and to provide funding
 46 for the federal share of the full and equal partnership.

47 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
 48 dispatched to the President of the United States, to the
 49 President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the
 50 United States House of Representatives, and to each member of
 51 the Florida delegation to the United States Congress.