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1 House Memorial

2 A memorial to the United States Government and the
3 Congress of the United States, requesting the United
4 States Government to expeditiously amend federal
5 immigration policies to grant "Credible Fear Interviews"
6 and Temporary Protected Status to Haitians, requesting the
7 United States Government to move expeditiously in
8 implementing such changes, and urging Congress to amend
9 current federal immigration laws to grant Temporary
10 Protective Status to Haitians on the same terms as other
11 persons fleeing their home county because of political,
12 religious, and other recognized persecution.

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14 WHEREAS, the United States of America is known worldwide as
15 the land of the free and the home of the brave, and

16 WHEREAS, thousands of individuals flee civil unrest and
17 political persecution in their home countries in search of basic
18 freedoms, and

19 WHEREAS, individuals come to the United States of America
20 searching for a safe haven from their home countries where they
21 fear persecution, and

22 WHEREAS, under the current federal policy, political
23 refugees who reach the United States are granted "Credible Fear
24 Interviews," and

25 WHEREAS, the current federal immigration laws provide
26 Temporary Protective Status for some persons, and

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27 WHEREAS, the Department of Homeland Security is also
28 authorized to grant such status under certain circumstances,
29 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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33 That the United States Government is requested to
34 expeditiously amend current federal immigration policies, by
35 change of law if necessary, to allow Haitians fleeing their home
36 country because of political, religious, and other recognized
37 persecution and who have reached the United States soil to be
38 granted "Credible Fear Interviews" and to be granted Temporary
39 Protective Status.

40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the United States Government is
41 requested to act expeditiously to grant Temporary Protective
42 Status to Haitians in our country who have fled their home
43 country because of political, religious, and other recognized
44 persecution.

45 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Congress of the United
46 States is urged to amend federal immigration laws to grant
47 Temporary Protective Status to Haitians, on the same terms as
48 other persons fleeing their home country because of political,
49 religious, and other recognized persecution.

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