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2 A memorial to the Congress of the United
3 States, urging Congress to authorize
4 improvements to bring the Herbert Hoover Dike
5 into compliance with current levee protection
6 safety standards and to authorize funding to
7 expedite the improvements.

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9 WHEREAS, Lake Okeechobee was impacted by four
10 hurricanes during the 2004 and 2005 hurricane seasons, and

11 WHEREAS, subsequently, at the request of local
12 community leaders, the South Florida Water Management District
13 Governing Board implemented an independent report on the
14 Herbert Hoover Dike surrounding Lake Okeechobee, and

15 WHEREAS, the report found that the dike does not meet
16 current levee protection safety standards, which constitutes a
17 failure of the structure, and

18 WHEREAS, the failure of the structure poses a clear and
19 imminent threat of catastrophic proportion to the communities
20 surrounding Lake Okeechobee, and

21 WHEREAS, the dike was not built to current levee
22 engineering standards and is therefore not authorized by
23 Congress to be brought into compliance to such standards, NOW,
24 THEREFORE,

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

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28 That the Congress of the United States is requested to
29 authorize improvements to bring the Herbert Hoover Dike into
30 compliance with current levee protection safety standards by
31 2014 and to authorize funding to expedite the improvements.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
2 dispatched to the President of the United States, to the
3 President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the
4 United States House of Representatives, and to each member of
5 the Florida delegation to the United States Congress.
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