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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing the needs of Haitians fleeing their home country because of political, religious, and other recognized persecution for Temporary Protective Status in this country.

WHEREAS, the United States of America is known worldwide as the land of the free and has provided sanctuary and new beginnings for people from around the world, and

WHEREAS, today thousands of individuals flee civil unrest and political persecution in their home countries in search of basic freedoms and take enormous risks in their attempt to reach America, seeking a safe haven, and

WHEREAS, under the current federal policy, certain refugees who reach United States soil are granted "Credible Fear Interviews" and are often paroled in the Unites States, but Haitian immigrants are incarcerated indefinitely in detention facilities and denied any meaningful opportunity to present their cases in a court of law, and

WHEREAS, the current federal policy is unfair, discriminatory, and inhumane and should be revised to provide Temporary Protective Status for persons fleeing Haiti as well as others, NOW, THEREFORE,

Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

That the Senate recognizes the need for a revision in immigration policies concerning Haitian refugees and encourages all state and federal officials to support the

1 | changes that are needed in the interest of humane and just  
2 | treatment of Haitian immigrants.  
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