

1 House Memorial

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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27 That the Congress of the United States is requested to
28 authorize improvements to bring the Herbert Hoover Dike into

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29 | compliance with current levee protection safety standards by
30 | 2014 and to authorize funding to expedite the improvements.

31 | BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
32 | dispatched to the President of the United States, to the
33 | President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the
34 | United States House of Representatives, and to each member of
35 | the Florida delegation to the United States Congress.