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2 A memorial to the Congress of the United States, urging
3 Congress to support national standards for educator ethics
4 and a national clearinghouse to strengthen state efforts
5 in the reporting, screening, and sharing of critical
6 information relative to educator misconduct.
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8 WHEREAS, teachers are entrusted with the care and
9 supervision of minor children away from the direct observation of
10 parents, and

11 WHEREAS, the student-teacher relationship is necessarily
12 built on a child's trust and respect for an adult in authority,
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14 WHEREAS, parents and the community rely upon school district
15 officials and individual educators to protect the integrity of
16 that relationship, and

17 WHEREAS, educators rely upon the state and school districts
18 to promote respect for the teaching profession through the timely
19 investigation and disposition of allegations of misconduct,
20 assurance of due process, and elimination from the teaching ranks
21 of those who bring discredit to the profession, NOW, THEREFORE,
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23 Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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25 That the Congress of the United States is urged to support
26 the passage of laws establishing ethical standards for
27 professional educators and to support a national clearinghouse to
28 provide for the reporting of data concerning educator misconduct.
29 A national database is necessary to promote the timely sharing of

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30 | critical information among states and to provide for the safety
31 | and welfare of students.

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