

By Senator Wilson

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Senate Memorial

A memorial to the Congress of the United States, urging Congress to support revisions of federal immigration policies in order to provide Temporary Protective Status for Haitians fleeing their home country because of political, religious, and other recognized persecution and to support the humane and just treatment of Haitian immigrants.

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 United 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, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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30 That the Congress of the United States is urged to support
31 revisions of federal immigration policies which will provide
32 Temporary Protective Status in this country for Haitians who are
33 fleeing their home country because of political, religious, and
34 other recognized persecution and which will otherwise support the
35 humane and just treatment of Haitian immigrants.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
37 dispatched to the President of the United States, to the
38 President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the
39 United States House of Representatives, and to each member of the
40 Florida delegation to the United States Congress.