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1 House Memorial

2 A memorial to the Congress of the United States, urging
3 Congress to authorize a fast-track program for granting
4 permits to develop and construct new nuclear power plants.

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6 WHEREAS, as Florida's economic growth demands that the
7 state develop additional clean, efficient, and affordable power
8 sources, and

9 WHEREAS, five nuclear reactors currently provide Florida
10 with 13 percent of its electricity, equal to 79 percent of the
11 state's emissions-free electricity, and

12 WHEREAS, nations around the world are turning to nuclear
13 power to meet their energy needs, and

14 WHEREAS, nuclear energy is among the least expensive energy
15 sources in America today, and

16 WHEREAS, the safety record of nuclear energy is second to
17 none, with no deaths or injuries attributed to commercial
18 nuclear power in the United States, and

19 WHEREAS, approximately 2,400 skilled workers are required
20 to build a new reactor and approximately 600 workers are
21 required to operate each reactor, and

22 WHEREAS, two companies are preparing to build four reactors
23 in Florida, and

24 WHEREAS, federal, state, and local governmental permit
25 application, review, and approval policies and procedures remain
26 a substantial complication to new reactor construction, NOW,

27 THEREFORE,
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29 | Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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31 | That the Florida Legislature urges Congress to expedite the
32 | process for granting permits to develop and construct new
33 | nuclear power plants by authorizing a fast-track program that is
34 | open to new reactor applicants that meet specified criteria and
35 | conditions, that reduces the amount of time necessary to grant a
36 | permit for a new plant by half, and that does not sacrifice
37 | safety standards or security.

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