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House Memorial

A memorial to the Congress of the United States, urging Congress to extend the freeze on increases in the size or weight of commercial motor vehicles.

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WHEREAS, the State of Florida is committed to protecting the safety of motorists on its highways and to protecting taxpayers' investment in our highway infrastructure, and

WHEREAS, there are proposals to remove the federal freeze on the size or weight of commercial motor vehicles, including triple-trailer trucks, in legislation reauthorizing funding for federal transportation, which will be considered in the United States Congress in 2009, and

WHEREAS, federal and state studies have found that increasing the size and weight of commercial motor vehicles may accelerate the deterioration of bridges, and

WHEREAS, the Federal Highway Administration has classified 1,994 bridges in Florida as structurally deficient or functionally obsolete, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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That the Congress of the United States is requested to extend the freeze on increases in the size and weight of commercial motor vehicles on the roads and highways of this country.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be dispatched to the President of the United States, to the

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29 President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the 30 United States House of Representatives, and to each member of 31 the Florida delegation to the United States Congress.