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## 1 House Memorial

2 A memorial to the United States Department of  
3 Transportation, urging the United States Department of  
4 Transportation to approve applications for funding the  
5 federally designated high-speed rail corridor of Tampa,  
6 Orlando, and Miami, Florida.

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8 WHEREAS, President Barack Obama's vision for High-Speed  
9 Rail in America provides federal funding for High-Speed Rail  
10 under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, and  
11 the availability of the funding is based on a competition among  
12 eligible states, including the State of Florida, and

13 WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Transportation has  
14 applied to the United States Department of Transportation to  
15 fund the development of Florida's High-Speed Rail as outlined in  
16 the High-Speed Rail Strategic Plan published by the Federal  
17 Railroad Administration, and

18 WHEREAS, Florida offers many specific advantages to the  
19 criteria being scored in the national competition for funds for  
20 rail projects, and

21 WHEREAS, projects to develop High-Speed Rail in Florida  
22 could create construction and permanent jobs, and

23 WHEREAS, Florida's unemployment rate for October 2009  
24 reached 11.2 percent, and 1,027,000 people in Florida were  
25 jobless among a state labor force of 9,175,000, and

26 WHEREAS, Florida is committed to a modern transportation  
27 system and seeks a stable and sustainable financial foundation  
28 for rail projects throughout the state, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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32 That the Florida Legislature urges the United States  
33 Department of Transportation to approve the applications for  
34 funding the federally designated high-speed rail corridor of  
35 Tampa, Orlando, and Miami, Florida, now before the Federal  
36 Railroad Administration of the United States Department of  
37 Transportation.

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39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
40 dispatched to the President of the United States, to the  
41 Secretary of the United States Department of Transportation, to  
42 the Director of the Federal Railroad Administration, and to each  
member of the Florida delegation to the United States Congress.