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## 1 House Memorial

2 A memorial to the Congress of the United States, urging  
3 Congress to create a nationwide Emergency Room Staffing  
4 Initiative.

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6 WHEREAS, the number of people seeking emergency room care  
7 is increasing, and

8 WHEREAS, the Federal Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor  
9 Act provides that hospitals with an emergency department must  
10 provide emergency care without regard to the person's ability to  
11 pay for services, and

12 WHEREAS, many practitioners and specialists who are on call  
13 provide services in emergency rooms to persons who are unable to  
14 pay for the services, and

15 WHEREAS, many physicians and medical specialists are not  
16 available to, or are unwilling under current circumstances to,  
17 provide on-call emergency room services, and

18 WHEREAS, an incentive may encourage physicians and medical  
19 specialists to provide more on-call emergency room services,  
20 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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24 That the Congress of the United States is urged to create a  
25 nationwide initiative to encourage physicians and medical  
26 specialists to increase their participation in providing on-call  
27 emergency room services by amending the nation's tax code to  
28 allow for all uncompensated emergency room work to be eligible

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29 | as a charitable deduction against earned income for the  
30 | practicing physician or medical specialist up to a maximum of  
31 | \$100,000. Charges eligible for this deduction should be based on  
32 | a rate equivalent to 200 percent of the Medicare reimbursement  
33 | rate at the time the service is rendered. In the absence of an  
34 | applicable Medicare billing code, the charge for this deduction  
35 | should be based on a fee not to exceed 100 percent of the  
36 | average customary and reasonable charges allowed under private  
37 | health insurance for any services rendered.

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.