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1 House Memorial

2 A memorial to the Congress of the United States, urging
3 Congress to reject the numeric nutrient water quality
4 standards adopted by the United States Environmental
5 Protection Agency.

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7 WHEREAS, the United States Environmental Protection Agency
8 has adopted new and highly restrictive numeric nutrient water
9 quality standards for all inland water bodies in Florida, and

10 WHEREAS, the imposition of such standards would derail the
11 state's well-established and effective Total Maximum Daily Loads
12 Program, and

13 WHEREAS, Florida has served as a national role model for
14 water management and environmental restoration through such
15 efforts as the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan, and

16 WHEREAS, the state is responsible for more than one-third
17 of all the nutrient-related water quality samples in the
18 national water quality database, and

19 WHEREAS, despite its national leadership in water quality
20 improvement, Florida is the only state targeted by the
21 Environmental Protection Agency for the imposition of federal
22 water standards, and

23 WHEREAS, the new standards would have a price tag that
24 could devastate the state's fragile economy, and

25 WHEREAS, according to a report by the Environmental
26 Protection Agency's Inspector General, the cost of implementing
27 the new standards will primarily be borne by individuals and
28 businesses, and

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29 WHEREAS, the consumers of the state cannot afford the
 30 potential doubling of their water bills, especially in these
 31 uncertain economic times, and

32 WHEREAS, the businesses in the state would be subjected to
 33 unfair cost disadvantages that competitors do not face, NOW,
 34 THEREFORE,

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

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 38 That the Congress of the United States is urged to join
 39 Florida in its rejection of the arbitrary standards proposed by
 40 the United States Environmental Protection Agency which are
 41 unfair to Florida and its citizens and are potentially crippling
 42 to the state's fragile economy.

43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
 44 dispatched to the President of the United States, to the
 45 President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the
 46 United States House of Representatives, and to each member of
 47 the Florida delegation to the United States Congress.