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1 House Resolution

2 A resolution expressing censure of the Governor for
3 convening the Legislature in an unnecessary and
4 unwarranted special session.

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6 WHEREAS, the Honorable Governor Charlie Crist issued a
7 proclamation convening the Legislature in special session
8 commencing at 12:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 20, 2010, and extending
9 through 5:00 p.m., Friday, July 23, 2010, and

10 WHEREAS, the stated purpose of the special session is to
11 consider the passage of a joint resolution to revise the State
12 Constitution to prohibit the exploration and drilling for, and
13 the extraction and production of, oil beneath Florida waters
14 located between the mean high water line along the state's
15 coastline and the seaward limit of the state's boundaries, and

16 WHEREAS, the convening of this special session is
17 unnecessary because current Florida law already protects its
18 coastline by prohibiting off-shore drilling in Florida waters,
19 and

20 WHEREAS, the calling of this special session at an
21 estimated cost of approximately \$50,000 per day to enact a
22 constitutional amendment that is a reiteration of current state
23 law is not an emergency but is instead an unnecessary and
24 unwarranted use of taxpayer dollars, and

25 WHEREAS, the Governor's convening of this special session
26 for the purpose of banning an activity that is already
27 prohibited under Florida law is a thinly veiled political
28 opportunity to benefit his campaign for the United States Senate

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29 | at the expense of the taxpayers of this state and therefore
30 | constitutes an inappropriate use of the authority of the office
31 | to which he has been elected, NOW, THEREFORE,

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33 | Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
34 | Florida:

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36 | That the Honorable Governor Charlie Crist is hereby
37 | censured for convening the Legislature in a special session that
38 | is unnecessary and unwarranted for the reasons expressed herein.

39 | BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be
40 | presented to Governor Charlie Crist as a tangible token of the
41 | sentiments expressed herein.