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1 House Memorial

2 A memorial to the Congress of the United States, urging
3 Congress to take additional action to clarify and specify
4 the Environmental Protection Agency's legal and regulatory
5 obligations with respect to greenhouse gases.
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7 WHEREAS, the Environmental Protection Agency has released
8 an Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking that describes a
9 nationwide plan to regulate greenhouse gases under the Clean Air
10 Act, and

11 WHEREAS, the Environmental Protection Agency's plan to
12 regulate greenhouse gases is very expansive in scope,
13 envisioning a nationwide cap and trade program for greenhouse
14 gases, additional motor vehicle regulations, and economy-wide
15 restrictions impacting a wide range of industries, including
16 dairy and beef operations, office buildings, hospitals, schools,
17 large homes, and houses of worship, and even regulating the
18 greenhouse gas emissions from lawnmowers, and

19 WHEREAS, the United States Court of Appeals for the
20 District of Columbia Circuit has recently ruled that the
21 Environmental Protection Agency does not have authority to carry
22 out a cap and trade plan under the Clean Air Act, and

23 WHEREAS, the Environmental Protection Agency's plan
24 represents policymaking that is the prerogative of the
25 legislative branch, and

26 WHEREAS, even committed proponents of ambitious greenhouse
27 gas regulation have expressed doubts about the Advance Notice of
28 Proposed Rulemaking approach, and

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29 WHEREAS, climate change is a global issue, not a local or
30 regional pollution issue, which the Clean Air Act was designed
31 to address, and

32 WHEREAS, the Environmental Protection Agency's plan would
33 impose a massive economic burden on America without appreciably
34 reducing worldwide concentrations of greenhouse gases, NOW,
35 THEREFORE,

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

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39 That the Congress of the United States is urged to take
40 additional action to clarify and specify the Environmental
41 Protection Agency's legal and regulatory obligations with
42 respect to greenhouse gases.

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.