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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 begun
8 implementation of rulemaking that describes a nationwide plan to
9 regulate greenhouse gases under the Clean Air Act, and

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

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

22 WHEREAS, the Environmental Protection Agency's plan
23 represents policymaking that is the prerogative of the
24 legislative branch and that exceeds its administrative authority
25 to execute the laws enacted by Congress, and

26 WHEREAS, climate change is a global issue, not a local or
27 regional pollution issue, which the Clean Air Act was designed
28 to address, and

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

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

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

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