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House Memorial

A memorial to the Congress of the United States, urging Congress and the President to utilize their resources to ensure the safe return of captive Robert Levinson from Iran.

WHEREAS, Robert Levinson was kidnapped in Iran on March 8, 2007, while working as a private citizen, and

WHEREAS, Robert Levinson rendered valuable public service to this nation before his retirement, serving as a special agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation for 22 years and with the United States Drug Enforcement Administration for 6 years, and

WHEREAS, Robert Levinson has been held captive in Iran for almost 6 years, making his captivity one of the longest in American history, and

WHEREAS, citizens of this great nation have worked tirelessly to acquire over 25,000 signatures on behalf of Robert Levinson to ensure that the Federal Government utilize all of its diplomatic resources to secure his release and safe return to his family in Coral Springs, Florida, and

WHEREAS, Robert Levinson's personal health has deteriorated in captivity due to his diabetic condition and the lack of access to proper medication to control that condition, likely diminishing his ability to survive, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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That the Florida Legislature respectfully petitions the Congress and the President of the United States to act on their moral obligations to utilize all of the resources at their disposal to bring Robert Levinson home to the United States to his family who has vigilantly waited for his safe return.

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