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## House Memorial

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2 A memorial to the Congress of the United States,  
3 urging Congress to pass legislation that allows  
4 individuals a deduction for amounts contributed to  
5 disaster savings accounts to be used for the purpose  
6 of disaster mitigation expenses.  
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8 WHEREAS, Florida, a state with unique hurricane and flood  
9 risks, is the most expensive state in the nation for homeowners'  
10 insurance, and

11 WHEREAS, mitigation programs and improvements create safer  
12 structures and reduce the impact of natural disasters, thereby  
13 reducing property damage and costs associated with disasters,  
14 and

15 WHEREAS, tax-preferred savings accounts encourage  
16 homeowners to mitigate their homes from future natural  
17 disasters, and

18 WHEREAS, H.R. 329, the Disaster Savings Accounts Act of  
19 2013, was introduced to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986  
20 to allow individuals a deduction for amounts contributed to  
21 disaster savings accounts to help defray the cost of preparing  
22 their homes to withstand a disaster, NOW, THEREFORE,  
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24 Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Florida:  
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26           That the Congress of the United States is urged to pass  
27 legislation that allows individuals a deduction for amounts  
28 contributed to disaster savings accounts to be used for the  
29 purpose of disaster mitigation expenses.

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