

By Senator Flores

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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing the people of Venezuela and their peaceful protest as they call for democratic change.

WHEREAS, the hallmark of democracy is the free and peaceful exercise of rights guaranteed under the constitution of a democratically elected government, and

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela guarantees its citizens full political rights, including the right to freely assemble for democratic political purposes, and

WHEREAS, the preamble of the Charter of the Organization of American States affirms that "representative democracy is an indispensable condition for the stability, peace, and development" in Latin America, and

WHEREAS, Article 1 of the Inter-American Democratic Charter recognizes that "the peoples of the Americas have a right to democracy and their governments have an obligation to promote and defend it," and

WHEREAS, those who cherish democratic principles condemn the perpetration of violence and intimidation against the Venezuelan people, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

That the people of Venezuela and their peaceful call for democratic change are recognized as they attempt to exercise their constitutional rights in opposing a ruthless and

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