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1 House Memorial

2 A memorial to the Congress of the United States,
3 urging Congress to abolish the United States
4 Department of Education.

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6 WHEREAS, the United States Department of Education, formed
7 in 1979, represents an intrusion by the Federal Government into
8 an aspect of society for which there is no constitutional
9 authority, and

10 WHEREAS, the Tenth Amendment to the United States
11 Constitution states that "The powers not delegated to the United
12 States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States,
13 are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people," and

14 WHEREAS, the United States Constitution gives Congress no
15 authority to fund or operate education and, therefore, under the
16 Tenth Amendment, education should be entirely a state and local
17 matter, and

18 WHEREAS, the Framers of the United States Constitution
19 never envisioned that Congress or the President of the United
20 States would become involved in funding schools or mandating
21 policy for the classroom and, for more than 200 years, the
22 Federal Government left education to state and local governments
23 and families, those who are in the best position to oversee it,
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25 WHEREAS, since the formation of the United States
26 Department of Education, its budget has continually increased
27 with American taxpayers spending virtually billions of dollars
28 on the department, and

29 WHEREAS, there is a growing awareness that parents, not
30 distant government employees, should have more power over the
31 education of their children and that the way for Congress to
32 improve American education is to step aside and let the states
33 and local authorities create successful ways of addressing
34 education issues, challenges, and problems, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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38 That the United States Congress is urged to abolish the
39 United States Department of Education, thereby returning
40 authority and responsibility for education to the states, local
41 governments, and families.

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