

By Senator Garcia

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Senate Memorial

A memorial to the Congress of the United States,  
urging Congress to waive the payment of all federal  
taxes until the executive and legislative branches can  
come to an agreement and pass a resolution to fund the  
federal budget.

WHEREAS, it is not the fault of taxpaying individuals and  
businesses that the executive and legislative branches of the  
Federal Government cannot come to an agreement on a budget, and

WHEREAS, the result of such stalemate is the shutting down  
of government services, which affects all aspects of our  
economy, and

WHEREAS, such shutting down directly and indirectly affects  
all American citizens and businesses negatively, from those  
800,000 government employees who have been furloughed and are  
not receiving a paycheck, to those commercial enterprises that  
depend on government employees to purchase goods or pay their  
bills, and

WHEREAS, the shutting down of government services also  
results in the suspension of government programs that affect  
individuals who depend on those programs to carry out their  
everyday activities, as well as businesses that employ workers  
who are funded by those programs and all Americans who depend on  
government programs to conduct regulatory activities that  
guarantee the health and safety of products in the stream of  
commerce, and

WHEREAS, all taxpayers are still required to timely pay  
their federal taxes even though 91 percent of Internal Revenue

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30 Service employees have been furloughed, resulting in the  
31 unavailability of tax assistance and the nonpayment of tax  
32 refunds, and

33 WHEREAS, hardworking taxpayers should not be required to  
34 pay federally imposed taxes to a government that is unable to  
35 provide them with needed services, and

36 WHEREAS, once the government shutdown is resolved and an  
37 agreement is reached to restart services and programs, then, and  
38 only then, should individuals and businesses begin to once again  
39 pay taxes to the Federal Government, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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43 That as long as the Federal Government is unable to pass a  
44 continuing resolution to fund the Federal Government and,  
45 therefore, must reduce or discontinue government services, the  
46 payment of all federal taxes that become due and are owed during  
47 such shutdown should be permanently waived.

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