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House Memorial

A memorial to the Congress of the United States, urging Congress to stop increases in the federal loan guarantee program for new nuclear reactors and rescind any remaining funds, eliminate funding for mixed oxide plutonium fuel plants, support energy efficiency and renewable sources of energy, fund nuclear waste immobilization, increase funding for environmental cleanup programs, enact a moratorium by the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission on nuclear waste operations until an appropriate, safe way to transport and permanently store nuclear waste is established and existing nuclear power plants and temporary storage sites can be secured against terrorist attacks, direct the United States Department of Energy to comply with all cleanup agreements and legacy management requirements, and authorize a nationwide study by the United States National Security Council, the United States Central Intelligence Agency, the United States Department of Defense, the United States Defense Intelligence Agency, and the United States Department of Homeland Security as to the best energy mix with regard to national security.

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WHEREAS, the President of the United States and the United States Congress have taken the positive step of ending all

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funding for the Yucca Mountain nuclear repository site, which has already cost taxpayers \$96.2 billion, in an effort to provide taxpayers relief and protect our environment, and

WHEREAS, taxpayer dollars are being spent to fund the construction of mixed oxide plutonium fuel plants which will only exacerbate the environmental degradation of the areas surrounding the sites, and

WHEREAS, investing in cheaper, faster, cleaner, and safer renewable energy alternatives other than nuclear power and immobilizing nuclear waste should be our foremost economic and national security priorities, and

WHEREAS, sufficient funding for environmental cleanup is necessary to ensure compliance with cleanup agreements and legacy management requirements, and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Energy has failed to adequately ensure that our environmental cleanup obligations are met and has fallen short on achieving the promise of renewable energy, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

That the Congress of the United States is urged to:

- (1) Stop increases in the federal loan guarantee program for new nuclear reactors and rescind any remaining funds.
- (2) Eliminate funding for mixed oxide plutonium fuel plants.

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(3) Support energy efficiency and renewable sources of energy.

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- (5) Increase funding for environmental cleanup programs.
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 Intelligence Agency, the United States Department of Defense,
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 States Department of Homeland Security as to the best energy mix
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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.