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Senate Memorial

A memorial to the Congress of the United States,
urging Congress to review and revise the Cuban
Adjustment Act of 1966.

WHEREAS, the Cuban Adjustment Act of 1966, Pub. L. No. 89-732, 80 Stat. 1161, was enacted and subsequently amended to allow certain Cubans physically present in the United States to be treated as aliens lawfully admitted for permanent residence, entitling them to become legal permanent residents after 1 year, and

WHEREAS, this law provides Cuban immigrants with an advantage that immigrants of other nationalities do not have, and

WHEREAS, at the time the law was enacted, the Cuban government was not recognized by the United States, the countries did not maintain diplomatic relations, travel between the countries was severely restricted, and Cuban immigrants were refugees from political oppression during the Cold War, and

WHEREAS, travel between the United States and Cuba is now considerably less restricted, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

That the Congress of the United States is urged to review and revise the Cuban Adjustment Act of 1966 to reflect the changes in the relationship between the United States and Cuba in the half century since its enactment. Specifically, the Congress of the United States should consider the circumstances

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30 under which Cuban immigrants are eligible to apply for social
31 benefits as refugees under the wet foot, dry foot policy, taking
32 into consideration the renewed diplomatic relations between the
33 two nations.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
35 dispatched to the President of the United States, to the
36 President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the
37 United States House of Representatives, and to each member of
38 the Florida delegation to the United States Congress.