

House Memorial

A memorial to the Congress of the United States,  
 urging Congress to repeal the Cuban Adjustment Act of  
 1966.

WHEREAS, the Cuban Adjustment Act of 1966, Pub. L. No. 89-  
 732, 80 Stat. 1161 (1966), 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, creating what is often referred to as the "wet foot,  
 dry foot" policy, and

WHEREAS, this law provides Cuban migrants with an advantage  
 that migrants 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 migrants were  
 refugees from political oppression during the Cold War, and

WHEREAS, the Cold War has ended, the United States has  
 recognized the Cuban government, and both countries now maintain  
 diplomatic relations, 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:

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27           That the Congress of the United States is urged to repeal  
28 the Cuban Adjustment Act of 1966 because it is a discriminatory  
29 act that no longer serves its original purpose due to changes in  
30 the relationship between the United States and Cuba in the half  
31 century since its enactment.

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