

By Senator Garcia

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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 two
countries did not maintain diplomatic relations, travel between
the United States and Cuba 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
under which Cuban immigrants are eligible to apply for social
benefits as refugees under the wet foot, dry foot policy, taking

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33 into consideration the renewed diplomatic relations between the
34 two nations.

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