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## House Memorial

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2 A memorial to the Congress of the United States,  
3 requesting Congress to urge President Nicolás Maduro  
4 to allow the delivery of humanitarian assistance, to  
5 continue and intensify financial sanctions against  
6 President Nicolás Maduro and the Government of  
7 Venezuela, and to instruct appropriate Federal  
8 agencies to hold President Nicolás Maduro and  
9 officials of the Government of Venezuela accountable  
10 for violations of law and abuses of internationally  
11 recognized human rights.

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13 WHEREAS, the hallmark of democracy is the free and peaceful  
14 exercise of rights guaranteed under the constitution of a  
15 democratically elected government, and

16 WHEREAS, in an effort to secure his personal rule and  
17 oppress Venezuelan freedoms, President Nicolás Maduro  
18 manipulated elections, established a congress under his control,  
19 nationalized private industry, abandoned private property  
20 rights, and generally assumed control over Venezuela's  
21 government and its institutions, and

22 WHEREAS, the deterioration of basic governance and the  
23 economic crisis in Venezuela have led to an unprecedented  
24 humanitarian situation in which people are suffering from severe  
25 shortages of basic food products and essential medicines, and

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26 WHEREAS, despite the massive shortages of basic food  
27 products and essential medicines, President Maduro has rejected  
28 repeated requests from civil society organizations to bring  
29 humanitarian aid into the country, and

30 WHEREAS, over 8 million Venezuelans voted symbolically for  
31 a free and democratic government, and

32 WHEREAS, President Nicolás Maduro has sought to silence  
33 peaceful opposition to his government by killing innocent  
34 citizens of Venezuela for their political views, and

35 WHEREAS, those who cherish democratic principles condemn  
36 the perpetration of oppression and intimidation against the  
37 Venezuelan people, and

38 WHEREAS, to ensure the demise of such oppression and  
39 intimidation, it is imperative that the United States Government  
40 remains committed to continuing and intensifying financial  
41 sanctions against President Nicolás Maduro and the Government of  
42 Venezuela, and

43 WHEREAS, the people of Florida stand proudly with the  
44 people of Venezuela in the face of tyranny, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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48 That the Congress of the United States is requested to urge  
49 President Nicolás Maduro to allow the delivery of humanitarian  
50 assistance, to continue and intensify financial sanctions

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51 against President Nicolás Maduro and the Government of  
52 Venezuela, and to instruct appropriate Federal agencies to hold  
53 President Nicolás Maduro and officials of the Government of  
54 Venezuela accountable for violations of law and abuses of  
55 internationally recognized human rights.

56 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
57 dispatched to the President of the United States, to the  
58 President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the  
59 United States House of Representatives, and to each member of  
60 the Florida delegation to the United States Congress.