By Senator Campbell

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1   Senate Memorial

2   A memorial to the Congress of the United States,

3   urging Congress to preserve the Deferred Action for

4   Childhood Arrivals Program.

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6   WHEREAS, in June 2012, President Barack Obama's

7   administration established the Deferred Action for Childhood

8   Arrivals (DACA) program for immigrants who came to the United

9   States as children and created the opportunity for such

10   immigrants to apply for temporary residence and eligibility for

11   a work permit in the United States, and

12   WHEREAS, eligible applicants arrived in the United States

13   when they were under 16 years of age and have lived here

14   continuously since June 15, 2007, and

15   WHEREAS, approximately 787,580 individuals have qualified

16   for DACA, including 50,216 who reside in the State of Florida,

17   and

18   WHEREAS, DACA recipients are from Africa, Asia, the

19   Caribbean,and Central America, and

20   WHEREAS, on September 5, 2017, President Donald Trump's

21   administration rescinded the DACA program, but delayed full

22   implementation of the recision for 6 months so that the Congress

23   of the United States may reach a legislative resolution on the

24   program, and

25   WHEREAS, ending the DACA program will uproot hundreds of

26   thousands of DACA recipients and separate them from their

27   family, friends, and support networks, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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31   That the Legislature of the State of Florida urges the
32 Congress of the United States to preserve the Deferred Action
33 for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) Program.
34   BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of State dispatch
35 copies of this memorial to the President of the United States,
36 the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the
37 House of Representatives, and each member of the Florida
38 delegation to the United States Congress.