

1 House Memorial

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

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

17 WHEREAS, in an effort to secure his personal rule and
18 oppress Venezuelan freedoms, the regime of President Nicolás
19 Maduro manipulated elections, established an illegitimate
20 Constituent Assembly to undermine the will of the Venezuelan
21 people, nationalized private industry, abandoned private
22 property rights, and generally assumed control over Venezuela's
23 government and its institutions, and

24 WHEREAS, the deterioration of basic governance and the
25 economic crisis in Venezuela have led to an unprecedented

26 humanitarian situation in which people are suffering from severe
 27 shortages of basic food products and essential medicines, and

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

32 WHEREAS, over 8 million Venezuelans voted symbolically for
 33 a free and democratic government, and

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

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

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

45 WHEREAS, the people of Florida stand proudly with the
 46 people of Venezuela in the face of tyranny, NOW, THEREFORE,

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 48 Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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50 That the Congress of the United States is requested to urge
51 the regime of President Nicolás Maduro to allow the delivery of
52 humanitarian assistance, to continue and intensify financial
53 sanctions against the regime of President Nicolás Maduro and the
54 Government of Venezuela, and to instruct appropriate Federal
55 agencies to hold the regime of President Nicolás Maduro and
56 officials of the Government of Venezuela accountable for
57 violations of law and abuses of internationally recognized human
58 rights.

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