

## 1 House Memorial

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

44 WHEREAS, the May 2018 national election in Venezuela was  
45 fraudulently conducted so that Nicolás Maduro would be awarded a  
46 second six-year term as president, and

47 WHEREAS, pursuant to Title V, Chapter II, Article 233 of  
48 the Constitution of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Juan

49 Guaidó, President of the National Assembly of Venezuela,  
50 declared himself the interim president of Venezuela, and  
51 WHEREAS, numerous Western Hemisphere countries, including  
52 the United States, assert that Nicolás Maduro is not the  
53 rightful president and, instead, recognize Juan Guaidó as  
54 Venezuela's interim president, and

55 WHEREAS, the people of Florida stand proudly with the  
56 people of Venezuela in the face of tyranny, NOW, THEREFORE,  
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58 Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Florida:  
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60 That the Congress of the United States is requested to urge  
61 the government of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela to allow  
62 the delivery of humanitarian assistance, to continue and  
63 intensify financial sanctions against the regime of Nicolás  
64 Maduro, and to instruct appropriate Federal agencies to hold the  
65 regime of Nicolás Maduro accountable for violations of law and  
66 abuses of internationally recognized human rights.

67 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
68 dispatched to the President of the United States, to the  
69 President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the  
70 United States House of Representatives, and to each member of  
71 the Florida delegation to the United States Congress.