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House Memorial A memorial to the Congress of the United States, urging Congress to take immediate action to address the current federal budget deficit and national debt. WHEREAS, the federal budget deficit for fiscal year 2017-2018 which ended on September 30, 2018 exceeded \$804 billion, which represented an increase of 21-percent from the previous fiscal year, and WHEREAS, the federal budget deficit for fiscal year 2018-2019 is expected to total nearly \$985 billion, and WHEREAS, at the end of fiscal year 2017-2018, the gross national debt was estimated to total \$21.48 trillion, and WHEREAS, the gross national debt is expected to total \$25.86 trillion by the end of the 2018-2019 fiscal year, and WHEREAS, the gross national debt, which is expressed as a percentage of the gross domestic product, has risen sharply and is now 103 percent of the gross domestic product, NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Florida: That Congress is urged to take immediate action to address the current federal budget deficit and national debt.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be

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- 26 dispatched to the President of the United States, to the
- 27 President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the
- 28 United States House of Representatives, and to each member of
- 29 the Florida delegation to the United States Congress.

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