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2 A memorial to the Congress of the United States,  
3 requesting Congress to take appropriate actions to  
4 assist in the delivery of humanitarian assistance, to  
5 continue and intensify financial sanctions against the  
6 regime of Nicolás Maduro and the Government of  
7 Venezuela, and to instruct appropriate federal  
8 agencies to hold Nicolás Maduro and officials of the  
9 Government of Venezuela accountable for violations of  
10 law and abuses of internationally recognized human  
11 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, Nicolás Maduro has caused elections  
18 to be manipulated, established an illegitimate Constituent  
19 Assembly to undermine the will of the Venezuelan people,  
20 nationalized private industry, abandoned private property  
21 rights, and improperly assumed control over Venezuela's  
22 government and its institutions, and

23 WHEREAS, the illegitimate regime of Nicolás Maduro has  
24 sought to silence peaceful opposition to his government by  
25 killing innocent citizens of Venezuela for their political  
26 views, and

27 WHEREAS, the deterioration of basic governance and the  
28 economic crisis in Venezuela have led to an unprecedented  
29 humanitarian situation in which people are suffering from severe

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30 shortages of basic food products and essential medicines, and  
31 WHEREAS, despite the massive shortages of basic food  
32 products and essential medicines, the illegitimate regime of  
33 Nicolás Maduro has rejected repeated requests from civil society  
34 organizations to bring humanitarian aid into that country, and

35 WHEREAS, over 8 million Venezuelans voted symbolically for  
36 a free and democratic government, 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 remain committed to continuing and intensifying financial  
43 sanctions against the illegitimate regime of Nicolás Maduro and  
44 the 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 take  
51 appropriate actions to assist in the delivery of humanitarian  
52 assistance, to continue and intensify financial sanctions  
53 against the illegitimate regime of Nicolás Maduro and the  
54 Government of Venezuela, and to instruct appropriate federal  
55 agencies to hold the illegitimate regime of Nicolás Maduro and  
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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.