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## 1 House Memorial

2 A memorial to the Congress of the United States,  
3 urging Congress to support House Resolution 1854 and  
4 Senate Bill 9, which exempt traditional large and  
5 premium cigars from regulation by the Food and Drug  
6 Administration.

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8 WHEREAS, hand-rolling cigars is an old tradition and it  
9 takes countless years for a person to become proficient in the  
10 art, and

11 WHEREAS, although most premium hand-rolled cigars are made  
12 in Central America and Cuba, such cigars are still handmade in  
13 Tampa and Miami, Florida, and Union City, New Jersey, using 100  
14 percent tobacco leaves, and

15 WHEREAS, while the hand-rolled cigar industry in the United  
16 States has declined radically in recent years, it remains an  
17 integral part of iconic neighborhoods in Miami and Tampa, and

18 WHEREAS, the handmade cigar industry struggles to remain  
19 profitable, and

20 WHEREAS, the United States Congress has introduced bills to  
21 exempt traditional large and premium cigars from regulation in  
22 an attempt to protect small jobs and businesses involved in the  
23 sale, manufacturing, and distribution of such cigars, NOW,  
24 THEREFORE,

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26 | Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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28 |       That Congress of the United States is urged to support  
29 | House Resolution 1854 and Senate Bill 9 filed in 2019, which  
30 | exempt traditional large and premium cigars from regulation by  
31 | the Food and Drug Administration.

32 |       BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
33 | dispatched to the President of the United States, to the  
34 | President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the  
35 | United States House of Representatives, and to each member of  
36 | the Florida delegation to the United States Congress.