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1 House Memorial

2 A memorial to the Congress of the United States,
3 urging Congress to remove marijuana from the Schedule
4 I drug list and allow it to be researched and used for
5 medical purposes.

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7 WHEREAS, marijuana is currently listed under the Controlled
8 Substances Act as a Schedule I drug and, under the act, such
9 drugs are considered to have a high potential for abuse and have
10 no currently accepted medical use, and

11 WHEREAS, thirty-three states, the District of Columbia,
12 Guam, Puerto Rico, and the United States Virgin Islands have
13 recognized the medical value of marijuana in treating multiple
14 diseases and medical conditions, and

15 WHEREAS, due to the Federal Government's resistance in
16 allowing marijuana to be used for medical purposes, clinical
17 studies cannot be conducted, or are severely stunted, in
18 attempting to discover the full potential of this plant and its
19 healing abilities, and

20 WHEREAS, the few studies that have been done were conducted
21 despite the researcher's fears of being shut down or even
22 prosecuted, and

23 WHEREAS, the studies and results on patients have proven
24 that marijuana has healing properties for many debilitating and

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25 | painful diseases, cancer, and other ailments that currently
26 | plague our citizens, and

27 | WHEREAS, if federal laws were supportive of this plant as a
28 | medicine, further studies could be conducted to learn about all
29 | the possibilities that this plant holds, and

30 | WHEREAS, with the support of the Federal Government, highly
31 | organized and supervised production facilities, as well as a
32 | means of distribution, could be established, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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36 | That the Legislature of the State of Florida, with all due
37 | respect, does hereby urge the United States Congress to remove
38 | marijuana from the Schedule I drug list and allow marijuana to
39 | be researched and used for medical purposes.

40 | BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
41 | dispatched to the President of the United States, to the
42 | President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the
43 | United States House of Representatives, and to each member of
44 | the Florida delegation to the United States Congress.