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1 Senate Resolution

2 A resolution expressing the Legislature's recognition
3 of this state's susceptibility to climate change and
4 its intention to adopt policies to combat climate
5 change.

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7 WHEREAS, climate change, a naturally occurring and human-
8 made phenomenon exacerbated by the actions of humans and the
9 release of greenhouse gasses into the atmosphere, is a real and
10 existing threat to the future of this state, its economy, and
11 its residents, and

12 WHEREAS, this state faces increasing air temperatures and
13 water vapor, increasing ocean temperatures, rising sea levels,
14 more frequent and severe storm events, agricultural crop-yield
15 changes, threats to its clean water supply, and flooding as a
16 result of climate change, and

17 WHEREAS, with 1,350 miles of low elevation coastline and 75
18 percent of this state's population living in coastal counties
19 that generate 80 percent of this state's economic output, all
20 sectors of the economy are threatened by climate change and the
21 resulting sea-level rise, NOW, THEREFORE,

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23 Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

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25 That the Legislature intends to adopt policies to reduce
26 this state's overall greenhouse gas output, transition to
27 renewable and clean energy, protect the state's water supply,
28 and develop a sustainable plan to address rising sea levels.