

By Senator Diaz

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Senate Resolution

A resolution renouncing democratic socialism in favor of the true American values of individual liberty and democracy.

WHEREAS, since its inception, the United States has encouraged the rule of law, constitutional democracy, and individual liberty, and

WHEREAS, the rule of law ensures that citizens can participate in regulation through the election of their representatives, thereby protecting their real and personal property against unreasonable taxation, and

WHEREAS, individual liberty includes the freedom of a citizen to engage in, and benefit from, the labor of his or her own hands, and

WHEREAS, in the words of statesman, lawyer, diplomat, philosopher, and Founding Father James Madison, who served as our nation's fourth president, "As a man is said to have a right to his property, he may be equally said to have a property in his rights," and

WHEREAS, all of the citizens of this great nation benefit from limiting the imposition of regulation on industry and supporting capitalism as a means of increasing the strength of our economy, and

WHEREAS, in 2018, the economy of the United States was the largest in the world at \$20.49 trillion, with its closest competitors far behind, with China at \$13.41 trillion; Japan at \$4.97 trillion; and Germany at \$4 trillion, and

WHEREAS, in contrast to the true American values of

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30 individual liberty and democracy, democratic socialism is a
31 political and economic theory of social organization which
32 advocates for the ownership or regulation of production,
33 distribution, and exchange by the community, as a whole, and

34 WHEREAS, in many nations that have looked to socialism to
35 improve the lives of their citizens, the result has been
36 economic and social chaos, resulting in an extraordinarily low
37 standard of living for the vast majority and the lack of
38 individual freedoms for all, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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42 That democratic socialism is renounced in favor of the true
43 American values of individual liberty and democracy.