

By Senator Rodriguez

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Senate Memorial

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the studies and results on patients have proven  
that marijuana has healing properties for many debilitating and  
painful diseases, including cancer, and other ailments that  
currently plague our citizens, and

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

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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 Florida Legislature, with all due respect, does  
37 hereby urge the Congress of the United States 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 the Secretary of State dispatch  
41 copies of this memorial to the President of the United States,  
42 to the President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of  
43 the United States House of Representatives, and to each member  
44 of the Florida delegation to the United States Congress.