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## 1 House Memorial

2 A memorial to the Congress of the United States,  
3 urging Congress to recognize Florida as a Second  
4 Amendment sanctuary state and urging Congress and  
5 federal agencies to support the rights ensured and  
6 protected by the constitutions of the United States  
7 and this State, including the rights of law-abiding  
8 citizens to keep and bear arms.

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10 WHEREAS, the Second Amendment to the United States  
11 Constitution, which applies to the states under the Fourteenth  
12 Amendment, provides "A well regulated Militia, being necessary  
13 to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep  
14 and bear Arms, shall not be infringed," and

15 WHEREAS, the Florida Constitution, in section 8(a), Art. I  
16 provides "The right of the people to keep and bear arms in  
17 defense of themselves and of the lawful authority of the state  
18 shall not be infringed, except that the manner of bearing arms  
19 may be regulated by law," and

20 WHEREAS, members of the Congress of the United States take  
21 an oath that reads "I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will  
22 support and defend the Constitution of the United States against  
23 all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith  
24 and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely,  
25 without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I

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26 | will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on  
 27 | which I am about to enter: So help me God," and

28 |       WHEREAS, there are legislative proposals in the United  
 29 | States Congress that would, if enacted into law, infringe upon  
 30 | the firearm rights of Floridians to own firearms under the State  
 31 | and Federal Constitutions, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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 35 |       That we urge the United States Congress as well as federal  
 36 | agencies to vigilantly preserve and protect those rights by  
 37 | rejecting any provision, law, or regulation that may infringe,  
 38 | have the tendency to infringe, or place any additional burdens  
 39 | on the right of law-abiding citizens to keep and bear arms.

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