

By the Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability;
and Senator Diaz

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Senate Resolution

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

WHEREAS, since its inception, the United States has adhered
to the rule of law, embracing 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 2020, the International Monetary Fund reported
that the economy of the United States remains the largest in the
world at \$20.49 trillion, surpassing such competitors as China
at \$13.4 trillion, Japan at \$4.97 trillion, and Germany at \$4
trillion, and

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30 WHEREAS, in contrast to the true American values of
31 individual liberty and democracy, democratic socialism is a
32 political and economic theory of social organization which
33 advocates the ownership or regulation of production,
34 distribution, and exchange by the community as a whole, and

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

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

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