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1 House Memorial

2 A memorial to the Congress of the United States,
3 urging Congress to restore the Department of Defense's
4 superior warfighting principles of recruiting,
5 assigning, training, promoting, and retaining
6 personnel solely based on merit and ensuring such
7 personnel maintain and display a warrior ethos.
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9 WHEREAS, the United States became the world's greatest
10 warfighting nation shortly after its founding, a fact clearly
11 demonstrated in the 1900s and early 2000s through its engagement
12 in two World Wars and several other military campaigns
13 throughout the globe, establishing a deterrent effect that has
14 prevented another World War for almost 80 years, and

15 WHEREAS, the United States military dominance in
16 warfighting came about through reliance on the concept of
17 meritocracy, in which personnel are recruited, assigned to
18 specialties, assigned to positions within a unit, retained, and
19 promoted based on their demonstrated aptitude and performance in
20 the roles they are assigned to perform, regardless of their
21 race, gender, sexual preference, or other person-centric
22 identifiers, and

23 WHEREAS, the United States military dominance in
24 warfighting also came about through the ability of personnel to
25 have and maintain a warrior ethos, one in which they are able to

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26 transition from being a kind, compassionate individual in
27 peacetime to one who is willing and able to engage an enemy in
28 battle with violence and lethality, and this includes support
29 personnel who may not typically be called upon to engage the
30 enemy face-to-face but nonetheless may find themselves in
31 situations that require them to do so, and

32 WHEREAS, over the past several years, the Department of
33 Defense and its military services have engaged in various
34 practices eroding these warfighting principles to the point at
35 which United States Military dominance has been called into
36 serious question, which practices include, but are not limited
37 to:

38 (1) Overemphasizing and relying on diversity and inclusion
39 in all its forms, including gender, gender identity, race, and
40 sexual preference, as a primary determinant in how military
41 forces should be comprised without providing credible and
42 verifiable evidence that such a prescribed composition results
43 in higher job performance, unit effectiveness, and mission
44 accomplishment, as opposed to a model in which a meritocracy-
45 based force composition is used;

46 (2) Making nonsensical "unconscious bias" training
47 mandatory for all military and civilian personnel;

48 (3) Instituting mandatory "emergency use only" COVID-19
49 vaccines with little regard to individual medical concerns in
50 light of the Anthrax vaccine mandate problems of the late 1990s

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51 and denying almost all requests for exemptions based on
52 religious grounds, which is particularly troubling given the
53 recent decision by the Department of Defense to rescind the
54 COVID-19 vaccine mandate; and

55 (4) Requiring mandatory training at the United States Air
56 Force Academy to incorporate "person-centered" and gender-
57 neutral language when describing individuals and to request
58 cadets to consider using the term "parent" or "caregiver" rather
59 than "mother" or "father" as to not offend those that may come
60 from a different parenting background, and

61 WHEREAS, such practices are having a detrimental effect on
62 recruitment, as the United States Army was 15,000 soldiers short
63 of its 2022 recruiting goals, the worst on record since the
64 Armed Forces switched to an all-volunteer force nearly 50 years
65 ago, and the remaining branches of the Armed Forces are well
66 behind their historic goal rates as they enter into the 2023
67 recruiting season, and

68 WHEREAS, recent studies have found that most young
69 Americans are not fit for military service, with the Department
70 of Defense estimating that just 2 percent of 17- to 21-year-olds
71 have the desired combination of strong academic credentials,
72 adequate physical fitness, and an interest in serving, and

73 WHEREAS, the combination of an incapable and uninterested
74 recruiting age group and nonmerit-based practices calls into
75 serious question whether the United States military currently

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76 | has a sufficient number of members who hold a warrior ethos
 77 | needed to effectively engage an enemy, and

78 | WHEREAS, those with the necessary warrior ethos currently
 79 | serving in the United States military are more likely to leave
 80 | service, and those with the necessary warrior ethos before
 81 | entering into service are more likely to refrain from enlisting
 82 | as they discover the composition and practices of the Armed
 83 | Services as outlined herein, NOW, THEREFORE,

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 85 | Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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87 | That the United States Congress is urged, through the use
 88 | of its authorization and appropriation authorities, to prohibit
 89 | the use of such "woke" social engineering and experimentation
 90 | practices, which are eroding military effectiveness, and to
 91 | mandate a return to a merit-based system for military force
 92 | development and composition.

93 | BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of State dispatch
 94 | copies of this memorial to the President of the United States,
 95 | to the President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of
 96 | the United States House of Representatives, and to each member
 97 | of the Florida delegation to the United States Congress.