

House Memorial

A memorial to the Congress of the United States,  
 urging members of Congress to adopt the provisions of  
 the Good Documentation and Enforcement of Estate Deeds  
 (Good DEED) Act of 2022 into law.

WHEREAS, on October 18, 2022, Congressman Emanuel Cleaver,  
 II, introduced H.R. 9192 to the 117th Congress, also known as  
 the Good Documentation and Enforcement of Estate Deeds (Good  
 DEED) Act of 2022, which would create a new grant program to  
 fund applications that assist in the detection, investigation,  
 prosecution, and prevention of deed fraud, and

WHEREAS, The Federal Bureau of Investigation has noted that  
 individuals use several different fraudulent schemes to commit  
 deed fraud, including forging documents, stealing a property  
 owner's identity, or convincing a property owner to transfer the  
 title under false pretenses, and

WHEREAS, deed fraud is a financially destructive crime that  
 often impacts the most vulnerable segments of our society,  
 including low-income, elderly, and immigrant victims, and

WHEREAS, there is currently no national tracking of deed  
 fraud, making it one of the most underreported crimes in the  
 nation, and

WHEREAS, although several counties in Florida currently  
 have free property fraud alerts that notify citizens when an

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26 | official record, such as a deed or mortgage, is documented under  
27 | their name, there is currently no state-wide tracking or alert  
28 | system for deed fraud, and

29 |       WHEREAS, the Good DEED Act will require that states  
30 | receiving funding amend state laws to require certain  
31 | identifiable information, such as a fingerprint, when an  
32 | official record is documented, and

33 |       WHEREAS, the Good DEED Act will support preventative  
34 | measures to stop devastating land loss from American families,  
35 | provide better tools for the investigation and prosecution of  
36 | those engaged in such crimes, and support victims in restoring  
37 | the deeds to their homes to the rightful owners, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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41 |       That the Congress of the United States is urged to adopt  
42 | the provisions of the Good Documentation and Enforcement of  
43 | Estate Deeds Act of 2022 into law.

44 |       BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of State dispatch  
45 | copies of this memorial to the President of the United States,  
46 | the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the  
47 | United States House of Representatives, and each member of the  
48 | Florida delegation to the United States Congress.