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A memorial to the Congress of the United States, urging Congress to stand in support of the fight for freedom of the people of Iran.

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WHEREAS, the people of Iran have the right to live in a safe, democratic country that is free of religious persecution and extremism, and

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WHEREAS, the heroism displayed by the people of Iran is inspirational, and those protesting on the streets deserve our full attention and support as they call for women, life, and freedom, and

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WHEREAS, the people of Iran are calling for a new government that is democratically elected, free, and where the people have the right to self-determination, and

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WHEREAS, according to the United States-based human rights monitor Human Rights Activists News Agency, at least 469 people, including 63 children and 32 women, have been killed since demonstrations began in Iran on September 17, 2022, and thousands of people have been arrested, and

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WHEREAS, the protests began after the brutal murder of Mahsa "Jina" Amini by the morality police for not wearing her hijab correctly, and

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WHEREAS, the activism of millions worldwide has resulted in the Islamic Republic of Iran's removal from the United Nations Women's Commission, and an independent investigation has been launched by the United Nations into the ongoing deadly violence against protesters in Iran, and

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WHEREAS, the United States is encouraged to stop all

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discussions on the Iran nuclear agreement, formally known as the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, to continue to sanction members of the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps, and to continue to amplify the voices and the will of the people of Iran by maintaining Internet access so that Iranians may continue to expose the injustices of their daily lives, and

WHEREAS, federal representatives should continue to push the United Nations' investigative mechanism for crimes against humanity committed by Iran and demand the end of unlawful imprisonment and execution in Iran, and

WHEREAS, as the fearless people of Iran continue to take to the streets, the call for unity among all Americans in support of the people of Iran should continue to be amplified, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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That the Congress of the United States is urged to stand in support of the fight for freedom of the people of Iran.

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