

1 House Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing the importance of business,
3 trade, tourism, and cultural cooperation between the
4 State of Florida and the Province of Québec.

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6 WHEREAS, the State of Florida and the Province of Québec
7 maintain an established economic and cultural relationship
8 supported by trade, tourism, educational exchange, and
9 institutional cooperation, and

10 WHEREAS, Québec residents represent a portion of Florida's
11 international visitors, including tourists and seasonal
12 residents, contributing to the tourism industry and local
13 economies across this state, and

14 WHEREAS, tourism spending by visitors from Québec has
15 historically exceeded \$2.5 billion annually, excluding capital
16 investments, supporting employment and economic activity in
17 Florida's hospitality, retail, real estate, and service sectors,
18 and

19 WHEREAS, communities with substantial Québec seasonal
20 residents, including areas such as coastal Broward County, host
21 French-language businesses, media outlets, and cultural
22 activities reflecting Francophone heritage, and

23 WHEREAS, Florida and Québec institutions participate in
24 educational and cultural exchanges, including university

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25 | partnerships, study abroad programs, and student exchanges that
26 | support academic collaboration and cultural engagement, and

27 | WHEREAS, governmental entities in Florida and Québec have
28 | engaged in cooperative efforts related to environmental issues,
29 | including climate resilience, climate change adaptation, and
30 | sustainable development, as reflected in memoranda of
31 | understanding and partnerships involving Florida local
32 | governments and Québec counterparts, and

33 | WHEREAS, these cooperative efforts include exchanges
34 | related to resilience technology as well as energy, clean
35 | technologies, and environmental management, drawing on Québec's
36 | experience in hydropower energy and Florida's work, through the
37 | Office of the Ocean Economy at Florida Atlantic University, and

38 | WHEREAS, Québec-based companies operate in Florida and
39 | Florida-based companies maintain investments and partnerships in
40 | Québec, with bilateral trade between Québec and Florida totaling
41 | approximately \$2.6 billion in 2024 and increasing by
42 | approximately 33 percent over the past 5 years, NOW, THEREFORE,

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44 | Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
45 | Florida:

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47 | That the House of Representatives recognizes the importance
48 | of business, trade, tourism, and cultural cooperation between
49 | the State of Florida and the Province of Québec and acknowledges

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50 | the ongoing economic, educational, and institutional
51 | relationships between the two jurisdictions.