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House Memorial

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2 A memorial to the Congress of the United States,
3 urging Congress to enact before adjournment a Water
4 Resources Development Act authorizing the next phase
5 of Everglades restoration that includes the Biscayne
6 Bay Coastal Wetlands, the C-111 Spreader Canal, the
7 Broward County Water Preserve Area, the Caloosahatchee
8 River C-43 West Basin Storage Reservoir, and the
9 Central Everglades Planning Project.

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11 WHEREAS, a Water Resources Development Act is the
12 legislative vehicle to allow federal agencies to implement the
13 historic Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP)
14 partnership between the State of Florida and the Federal
15 Government, and

16 WHEREAS, all CERP projects authorized in previous acts are
17 under construction, including the restoration of Picayune Strand
18 and the Indian River Lagoon South, and

19 WHEREAS, Congressional authorization is needed for the next
20 phase of Everglades restoration, which consists of five key
21 "shovel-ready" CERP components, including the Broward County
22 Water Preserve Area, the C-111 Spreader Canal, the
23 Caloosahatchee River C-43 West Basin Storage Reservoir, the
24 Biscayne Bay Coastal Wetlands, and the Central Everglades
25 Planning Project, and

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26 WHEREAS, the Caloosahatchee River C-43 West Basin Storage
27 Reservoir project and the Central Everglades Planning Project
28 are vital to providing storage and capacity to flow water south
29 to the Everglades National Park and thereby reduce harmful,
30 polluted discharges from Lake Okeechobee, which are currently
31 devastating the St. Lucie and Caloosahatchee Rivers, damaging
32 property values and the local economy, and threatening public
33 health, and

34 WHEREAS, it is the hope and desire of the Legislature of
35 the State of Florida that the United States Congress will
36 authorize and appropriate the necessary federal funds to
37 continue the restoration process of America's Everglades, NOW,
38 THEREFORE,

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

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42 That the Congress of the United States is urged to enact
43 before adjournment a Water Resources Development Act authorizing
44 the next phase of Everglades restoration that includes the
45 Biscayne Bay Coastal Wetlands, the C-111 Spreader Canal, the
46 Broward County Water Preserve Area, the Caloosahatchee River C-
47 43 West Basin Storage Reservoir, and the Central Everglades
48 Planning Project.

49 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
50 dispatched to the President of the United States, to the

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51 President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the
52 United States House of Representatives, and to each member of
53 the Florida delegation to the United States Congress.