

House Memorial

A memorial to the Congress of the United States,
 urging Congress to support solutions that examine the
 pollution differential between United States
 production and other countries and that hold foreign
 polluters accountable for their pollution.

WHEREAS, Florida's natural resources and environment are
 essential to the state's character, economy, and way of life,
 and

WHEREAS, Florida, under Governor DeSantis' leadership, has
 recently delivered investments to protect the state's natural
 resources and environment, including Everglades restoration,
 waterway rehabilitation, and water quality infrastructure, and

WHEREAS, China, by far the world's largest polluter,
 accounts for over 30 percent of global carbon dioxide emissions
 and subsidizes its exports by not imposing or enforcing
 reasonable environmental and labor standards, and

WHEREAS, Chinese government-owned industry is an arm of the
 Communist Party and strives to increase its influence over the
 global economy by pursuing predatory trade practices such as
 stealing intellectual property from the United States, and

WHEREAS, the United States has reduced more carbon
 emissions than any other country in the last 15 years and has an

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25 | economy that is 44 percent more carbon efficient than the world
 26 | average, and

27 | WHEREAS, manufacturers in the United States are more
 28 | efficient in nearly every industry and yet are forced to compete
 29 | with companies in China and other countries that face few limits
 30 | on how much they pollute, and

31 | WHEREAS, goods produced in China and Russia generate 300
 32 | percent and 400 percent on average, respectively, more in carbon
 33 | emissions compared to equivalent goods produced in the United
 34 | States, and

35 | WHEREAS, United States trade policy has not taken into
 36 | account carbon emissions, and as a result, afforded foreign
 37 | polluters with loose carbon standards an advantage over the
 38 | United States for the past several decades, and

39 | WHEREAS, China benefits from the current federal trade
 40 | policy, and

41 | WHEREAS, rewarding United States firms for their
 42 | environmental performance would bolster domestic manufacturing,
 43 | generate good-paying jobs, and reduce dependence on imports from
 44 | high-emitting producers like China and Russia, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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 48 | That the Congress of the United States is urged to support
 49 | solutions that examine the pollution differential between United

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51 polluters accountable for their pollution.

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