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1 House Memorial

2 A memorial to the Congress of the United States,
3 urging Congress to support the State Cyber Resiliency
4 Act, as specified in S. 1065 and H.R. 2130, and to
5 direct the United States Department of Homeland
6 Security to administer state and local cybersecurity
7 grants.
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9 WHEREAS, passage of the State Cyber Resiliency Act, S. 1065
10 and H.R. 2130, would strengthen Florida's cybersecurity posture
11 through state and local cybersecurity grants administered by the
12 United States Department of Homeland Security, and

13 WHEREAS, the State Cyber Resiliency Act would establish the
14 State Cyber Resiliency Grant Program to assist state, local, and
15 tribal governments in preventing, preparing for, protecting
16 against, and responding to cyber threats, and

17 WHEREAS, Florida will be eligible to apply for grants under
18 the grant program, and

19 WHEREAS, the State Cyber Resiliency Act is designed to
20 enhance the preparation, response, and resiliency of computer
21 networks, industrial control systems, and communications systems
22 performing essential state functions against cybersecurity
23 threats or vulnerabilities, and

24 WHEREAS, the State Cyber Resiliency Act will implement a
25 process of continuous cybersecurity vulnerability assessments

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26 | and threat mitigation practices to prevent the disruption of
27 | essential state functions by a cybersecurity incident within the
28 | state, and

29 | WHEREAS, the State Cyber Resiliency Act will ensure that
30 | entities performing essential state functions adopt generally
31 | recognized best practices and methodologies with respect to
32 | cybersecurity, and

33 | WHEREAS, the State Cyber Resiliency Act will mitigate
34 | talent gaps in the state government cybersecurity workforce,
35 | enhance recruitment and retention efforts for such workforce,
36 | and bolster the knowledge, skills, and abilities of state
37 | government personnel to protect against cybersecurity threats
38 | and vulnerabilities, and

39 | WHEREAS, the State Cyber Resiliency Act is designed to
40 | protect public safety answering points and other emergency
41 | communications and data networks from cybersecurity threats and
42 | vulnerabilities, and

43 | WHEREAS, the State Cyber Resiliency Act will ensure
44 | continuity of communications and data networks between entities
45 | performing essential state functions in the event of a
46 | catastrophic disruption of such communications or networks, and

47 | WHEREAS, the State Cyber Resiliency Act will account for
48 | and mitigate, to the greatest degree possible, cybersecurity
49 | threats or vulnerabilities related to critical infrastructure or
50 | key resources, the degradation of which may impact the

51 performance of essential state functions or threaten public
 52 safety, and

53 WHEREAS, the State Cyber Resiliency Act will provide
 54 appropriate communications capabilities to ensure cybersecurity
 55 intelligence information sharing and the command and
 56 coordination capabilities among entities performing essential
 57 state functions, and

58 WHEREAS, the State Cyber Resiliency Act will develop and
 59 coordinate strategies with respect to cybersecurity threats or
 60 vulnerabilities in consultation with neighboring states or
 61 members of an Information Sharing and Analysis Organization, and

62 WHEREAS, the State Cyber Resiliency Act will provide
 63 increased and dedicated funding to help develop and implement
 64 innovative cybersecurity practices, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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 68 That the United States Congress is urged to support the
 69 State Cyber Resiliency Act, as specified in S. 1065 and H.R.
 70 2130, and to direct the United States Department of Homeland
 71 Security to administer state and local cybersecurity grants.

72 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
 73 dispatched to the President of the United States, to the
 74 President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the
 75 United States House of Representatives, and to each member of

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76 | the Florida delegation to the United States Congress.