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## 1 House Memorial

2 A memorial to the Congress of the United States,  
3 urging Congress to stand in support of the fight for  
4 freedom of the people of Iran.  
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6 WHEREAS, the people of Iran have the right to live in a  
7 safe, democratic country that is free of religious persecution  
8 and extremism, and

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

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

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

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

24 WHEREAS, the activism of millions worldwide has resulted in  
25 the Islamic Republic of Iran's removal from the United Nations

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26 Women's Commission, and an independent investigation has been  
 27 launched by the United Nations into the ongoing deadly violence  
 28 against protesters in Iran, and

29 WHEREAS, the United States is encouraged to stop all  
 30 discussions on the Iran nuclear agreement, formally known as the  
 31 Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, to continue to sanction  
 32 members of the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Islamic  
 33 Revolutionary Guard Corps, and to continue to amplify the voices  
 34 and the will of the people of Iran by maintaining Internet  
 35 access so that Iranians may continue to expose the injustices of  
 36 their daily lives, and

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

41 WHEREAS, as the fearless people of Iran continue to take to  
 42 the streets, the call for unity among all Americans in support  
 43 of the people of Iran should continue to be amplified, NOW,  
 44 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 stand in  
 49 support of the fight for freedom of the people of Iran.

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