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## 1 House Memorial

2 A memorial to the Congress of the United States,  
3 urging Congress to repeal the Cuban Adjustment Act of  
4 1966.

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6 WHEREAS, the Cuban Adjustment Act of 1966, Pub. L. No. 89-  
7 732, 80 Stat. 1161 (1966), was enacted and subsequently amended  
8 to allow certain Cubans physically present in the United States  
9 to be treated as aliens lawfully admitted for permanent  
10 residence, creating what is often referred to as the "wet foot,  
11 dry foot" policy, and

12 WHEREAS, this law provides Cuban migrants with an advantage  
13 that migrants of other nationalities do not have, and

14 WHEREAS, at the time the law was enacted, the Cuban  
15 government was not recognized by the United States, the  
16 countries did not maintain diplomatic relations, travel between  
17 the countries was severely restricted, and Cuban migrants were  
18 refugees from political oppression during the Cold War, and

19 WHEREAS, travel between the United States and Cuba is now  
20 considerably less restricted, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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24 That the Congress of the United States is urged to repeal  
25 the Cuban Adjustment Act of 1966 because it is a discriminatory  
26 act that no longer serves its original purpose due to changes in

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27 | the relationship between the United States and Cuba in the half  
28 | century since its enactment.

29 |       BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
30 | dispatched to the President of the United States, to the  
31 | President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the  
32 | United States House of Representatives, and to each member of  
33 | the Florida delegation to the United States Congress.