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1 House Memorial

2 A memorial to the Congress of the United States,
3 urging Congress and the President to utilize their
4 resources to ensure the safe return of captive Robert
5 Levinson from Iran.
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7 WHEREAS, Robert Levinson was kidnapped in Iran on March 9,
8 2007, while working as a private citizen, and

9 WHEREAS, Robert Levinson rendered valuable public service
10 to this nation before his retirement, serving as a special agent
11 with the Federal Bureau of Investigation for 22 years and with
12 the United States Drug Enforcement Administration for 6 years,
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14 WHEREAS, Robert Levinson has been held captive in Iran for
15 almost 13 years, making his captivity one of the longest in
16 American history, and

17 WHEREAS, citizens of this great nation have worked
18 tirelessly to acquire over 25,000 signatures on behalf of Robert
19 Levinson to ensure that the Federal Government utilize all of
20 its diplomatic resources to secure his release and safe return
21 to his family in Coral Springs, Florida, and

22 WHEREAS, Robert Levinson's personal health has deteriorated
23 in captivity due to his diabetic condition and the lack of
24 access to proper medication to control that condition, likely
25 diminishing his ability to survive, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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29 That the Florida Legislature respectfully petitions the
30 Congress of the United States and the President of the United
31 States to act on their moral obligations to utilize all of the
32 resources at their disposal to bring Robert Levinson home to the
33 United States to his family who has vigilantly waited for his
34 safe return.

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36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
37 dispatched to the President of the United States, to the
38 President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the
39 United States House of Representatives, and to each member of
the Florida delegation to the United States Congress.