1 House Memorial
2 A memorial to the Congress of the United States,
3 urging Congress to direct the United States
4 Environmental Protection Agency to issue a memorandum
5 of agreement so Florida may complete the assumption of
6 a section 404 dredge and fill permitting program under
7 the federal Clean Water Act.
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9 WHEREAS, a state may seek a memorandum of agreement to
10 assume administration of a section 404 dredge and fill
11 permitting program under the federal Clean Water Act, and
12 WHEREAS, House Bill 7043 authorized the Department of
13 Environmental Protection to seek the assumption of the federal
14 dredge and fill permitting program, and
15 WHEREAS, House Bill 7043 was approved by the Governor on
16 March 23, 2018, and
17 WHEREAS, since that time, the United States Environmental
18 Protection Agency has not issued a memorandum of agreement so
19 Florida can complete the assumption of the dredge and fill
20 permitting program, and
21 WHEREAS, without the memorandum of agreement, critical
22 environmental restoration activities, including projects under
23 the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan, continue to be
24 delayed, NOW, THEREFORE,
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26 Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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28 That the Congress of the United States is urged to direct
29 the United States Environmental Protection Agency to issue a
30 memorandum of agreement so Florida may complete the assumption
31 of a section 404 dredge and fill permitting program under the
32 federal Clean Water Act.
33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
34 dispatched to the President of the United States, to the
35 President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the
36 United States House of Representatives, and to each member of
37 the Florida delegation to the United States Congress.