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## House Memorial

A memorial to the Congress of the United States,  
urging Congress to waive the payment of all federal  
taxes that become due and are owed during a shutdown  
of the Federal Government.

WHEREAS, it is not the fault of taxpaying individuals and  
businesses that the executive and legislative branches of the  
Federal Government are unable or unwilling to reach an agreement  
on a budget, and

WHEREAS, the result of that stalemate is the shutting down  
of government services, which affects many aspects of the  
nation's economy, and

WHEREAS, the shutting down directly and indirectly impacts  
many American citizens and businesses negatively, ranging from  
those 800,000 government employees who have been furloughed and  
are not receiving paychecks to those commercial enterprises that  
depend on government employees to purchase goods or pay their  
bills, and

WHEREAS, the shutting down of government services also  
results in the suspension of government programs that affect  
individuals who depend on those programs to carry out their  
everyday activities, as well as businesses that employ workers  
who are funded by those programs, and all Americans who depend  
on government programs to conduct regulatory activities that

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26 | guarantee the health and safety of products in the stream of  
 27 | commerce, and

28 |       WHEREAS, all taxpayers are required to timely pay their  
 29 | federal taxes despite the furlough of 91 percent of Internal  
 30 | Revenue Service employees, resulting in the unavailability of  
 31 | tax assistance and the nonpayment of tax refunds, and

32 |       WHEREAS, hardworking taxpayers should not be required to  
 33 | pay federally imposed taxes while the Federal Government is  
 34 | unable to provide them with needed services, and

35 |       WHEREAS, once the budget impasse is resolved and an  
 36 | agreement is reached to restart services and programs, then, and  
 37 | only then, should individuals and businesses begin to once again  
 38 | pay taxes to the Federal Government, NOW, THEREFORE,

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 40 | Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 42 |       That as long as the Federal Government is unable to pass a  
 43 | continuing resolution to fund the Federal Government and,  
 44 | therefore, must reduce or discontinue government services, the  
 45 | payment of all federal taxes that become due and are owed during  
 46 | such shutdown should be permanently waived.

47 |       BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
 48 | dispatched to the President of the United States, to the  
 49 | President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the  
 50 | United States House of Representatives, and to each member of

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51 | the Florida delegation to the United States Congress.