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1 House Memorial

2 A memorial to the Congress of the United States,
3 urging Congress to preserve the Deferred Action for
4 Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program.

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6 WHEREAS, in June 2012, President Barack Obama's
7 administration established the Deferred Action for Childhood
8 Arrivals (DACA) program for immigrants who came to the United
9 States as children, making such individuals eligible to apply
10 for temporary residence and work permits in the United States,
11 and

12 WHEREAS, an individual who applies for the DACA program
13 must have arrived in the United States before he or she turned
14 16 and must have lived in the United States continuously since
15 June 15, 2007, and

16 WHEREAS, approximately 787,580 individuals have qualified
17 for DACA status, including 74,321 individuals in the State of
18 Florida, and

19 WHEREAS, DACA recipients are from all over the world,
20 including North America, South America, Africa, Europe, and
21 Asia, and

22 WHEREAS, on September 5, 2017, President Donald Trump's
23 administration rescinded the DACA program, offering a 6-month
24 deferment to give the United States Congress an opportunity to
25 pass a legislative resolution, and

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26 WHEREAS, on March 5, 2018, DACA recipients will begin to
 27 lose their protected status, and

28 WHEREAS, ending the DACA program will cause hundreds of
 29 thousands of individuals to be separated from their established
 30 families, friends, and support networks, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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 34 That the United States Congress is urged to preserve the
 35 Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program.

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
 40 the Florida delegation to the United States Congress.