

By Senator Campbell

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Senate Memorial

A memorial to the Congress of the United States,  
urging the Congress to pass H.R. 4184, the ESPERER Act  
of 2017.

WHEREAS, H.R. 4184, the "ESPERER Act of 2017," was  
introduced on October 31, 2017, and is pending before the 115th  
United States Congress, and

WHEREAS, H.R. 4184, the "Extending Status Protection for  
Eligible Refugees with Established Residency Act of 2017," seeks  
to allow more than 300,000 migrants from Nicaragua, Honduras, El  
Salvador, and Haiti who arrived in the United States and  
received Temporary Protected Status before January 13, 2011, to  
adjust their status to legal permanent residency, and

WHEREAS, migrants who have not been able to return to their  
native countries due to such countries continuously experiencing  
substantial disruptions of living conditions would be granted  
legal permanent resident status under H.R. 4184, and

WHEREAS, many of the migrants from these countries have  
established new lives in the United States, have started  
families, and have become integral parts of the local  
communities in which they reside by starting businesses that  
contribute to the local economies, and

WHEREAS, the continued short-term extensions of these  
migrants' Temporary Protected Status have created anxiety and  
uncertainty for these individuals and their families, employers,  
and neighbors, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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31 That the Congress of the United States is urged to pass  
32 H.R. 4184, the "ESPERER Act of 2017," in recognition that the  
33 passage of the act would benefit the communities and economies  
34 where the migrants reside while giving the migrants peace of  
35 mind and allowing them to continue to support their families.

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