

By Senator Torres

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Senate Memorial

A memorial to the Congress of the United States, requesting Congress to urge the regime of President Nicolás Maduro to allow the delivery of humanitarian assistance, to continue and intensify financial sanctions against the regime of President Nicolás Maduro and the Government of Venezuela, and to instruct appropriate federal agencies to hold the regime of President Nicolás Maduro and officials of the Government of Venezuela accountable for violations of law and abuses of internationally recognized human rights.

WHEREAS, the hallmark of democracy is the free and peaceful exercise of rights guaranteed under the constitution of a democratically elected government, and

WHEREAS, in an effort to secure his personal rule and oppress Venezuelan freedoms, the regime of President Nicolás Maduro manipulated elections, established an illegitimate Constituent Assembly to undermine the will of the Venezuelan people, nationalized private industry, abandoned private property rights, and generally assumed control over Venezuela's government and its institutions, and

WHEREAS, the deterioration of basic governance and the economic crisis in Venezuela have led to an unprecedented humanitarian situation in which people are suffering from severe shortages of basic food products and essential medicines, and

WHEREAS, despite the massive shortages of basic food products and essential medicines, the regime of President Maduro

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30 has rejected repeated requests from civil society organizations  
31 to bring humanitarian aid into the country, and

32 WHEREAS, over 8 million Venezuelans voted symbolically for  
33 a free and democratic government, and

34 WHEREAS, the regime of President Nicolás Maduro has sought  
35 to silence peaceful opposition to his government by killing  
36 innocent citizens of Venezuela for their political views, and

37 WHEREAS, those who cherish democratic principles condemn  
38 the perpetration of oppression and intimidation against the  
39 Venezuelan people, and

40 WHEREAS, to ensure the demise of such oppression and  
41 intimidation, it is imperative that the United States Government  
42 remain committed to continuing and intensifying financial  
43 sanctions against the regime of President Nicolás Maduro and the  
44 Government of Venezuela, and

45 WHEREAS, the people of Florida stand proudly with the  
46 people of Venezuela in the face of tyranny, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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50 That the Congress of the United States is requested to urge the  
51 regime of President Nicolás Maduro to allow the delivery of  
52 humanitarian assistance, to continue and intensify financial  
53 sanctions against the regime of President Nicolás Maduro and the  
54 Government of Venezuela, and to instruct appropriate federal  
55 agencies to hold the regime of President Nicolás Maduro and  
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58 rights.

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59           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
60           dispatched to the President of the United States, to the  
61           President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the  
62           United States House of Representatives, and to each member of  
63           the Florida delegation to the United States Congress.