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House Memorial

A memorial to the Congress of the United States,
urging Congress to authorize a prorated reduction of
all federal taxes to compensate for services reduced
or discontinued during a Federal Government shutdown.

WHEREAS, the 2013 Federal Government shutdown directly and
indirectly impacted many American citizens and businesses
negatively, ranging from the 800,000 furloughed government
employees to those commercial enterprises that depended on
government employees to purchase goods or pay their bills, and

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

WHEREAS, such a budgetary impasse causes government
services to shut down, affecting many aspects of the nation's
economy, and

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

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25 regulatory activities that guarantee the health and safety of
 26 products in the stream of commerce, and

27 WHEREAS, taxpayers should not be required to pay federally
 28 imposed taxes while the Federal Government is unable to provide
 29 them with needed services, and

30 WHEREAS, individuals and businesses should only resume
 31 paying taxes to the Federal Government once a budget impasse is
 32 resolved and an agreement is reached to restart services and
 33 programs, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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37 That should the Federal Government fail to agree on a
 38 federal budget in the future and, therefore, be forced to reduce
 39 or discontinue government services, federal taxes due for the
 40 fiscal year or years during any shutdown which occurs should be
 41 prorated to account for the shutdown period.

42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
 43 dispatched to the President of the United States, to the
 44 President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the
 45 United States House of Representatives, and to each member of
 46 the Florida delegation to the United States Congress.