

CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-33

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION SUPPORTING HOUSE MEMORIAL 517 AND SENATE MEMORIAL 800 URGING CONGRESS TO SUPPORT SOLUTIONS THAT EXAMINE THE POLLUTION DIFFERENTIAL BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND OTHER COUNTRIES AND THAT HOLD FOREIGN POLLUTERS ACCOUNTABLE FOR THEIR POLLUTION.

WHEREAS, Florida's natural resources and environment are essential to the state's character, economy, and way of life; and

WHEREAS, in recognizing the importance of supporting foreign policies that reduce carbon emissions and level the playing field for American companies, the Florida House and Senate are considering companion memorials, HM 517 and SM 800; and

WHEREAS, the United States has reduced more carbon emissions than any other country in the last 15 years and according to the Florida Legislature, has an economy that is 44 percent more carbon efficient than the world average; and

WHEREAS, U.S. climate policy should reward more efficient U.S. manufacturers and penalize high carbon polluting imports as nearly every U.S. sector enjoys a carbon advantage over most key trading partners; and

WHEREAS, presently the environmental, health, and social costs of carbon emissions are not included in prices paid for fossil fuels, but rather these externalized costs are borne directly and indirectly by all Americans and global citizens; and

WHEREAS, in addition to being sound economic policy designed to give American companies a leg up in the global marketplace, a carbon border adjustment would help address climate change and lower carbon emissions around the world; and

WHEREAS, on February 23, 2021, the City Commission passed Resolution 2021-30, urging Congress to pass the Carbon Dividend Act; and

WHEREAS, on October 16, 2022, the City Commission adopted Resolution 2022-261 urging congress to enact a carbon border adjustment; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission seeks to build upon its climate advocacy and commitment to reducing carbon emissions by supporting House Memorial 517 and Senate Memorial 800, which urge Congress to support solutions that examine the pollution differential between the United States and other countries and to hold foreign polluters accountable for their pollution;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES:

SECTION 1. The foregoing "**WHEREAS**" clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby made a specific part of this Resolution upon adoption hereof.

SECTION 2. That the City Commission hereby supports House Memorial 517 and Senate Memorial 800.

SECTION 3. That this Resolution shall become effective upon the date of its passage and adoption herein.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS THIRTEENTH DAY OF FEBRUARY, A.D., 2024.


(Moved: Anderson / Seconded: Lago)

(Yeas: Fernandez, Menendez, Anderson, Castro. Lago)

(Unanimous: 5-0 Vote)

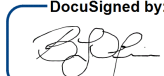
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