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MEMORIAL TO THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
ASKING THAT IT ADOPT THE OLD SPANISH TRAIL HIGHWAY--THE  
OCEAN-TO-OCEAN, GULF COAST HIGHWAY, FROM MIAMI AND TAMPA,  
FLORIDA, TO LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, AS A NATIONAL MILI-  
TARY HIGHWAY, TO RE-GRADE, WIDEN THE SAME, AND ERECT AND  
MAINTAIN THE BRIDGES THEREON WHERE SAID HIGHWAY CROSS-  
ES NAVIGABLE STREAMS; TO USE FEDERAL CONVICT LABOR AND  
OBTAIN THE USE OF STATE CONVICTS IN THE CONSTRUCTION  
OF SAID MILITARY HIGHWAY, FROM THOSE STATES ONLY THROUGH  
WHICH SAID HIGHWAY PASSES.

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WHEREAS, A state of war now exists between this Government  
and a foreign nation; and

WHEREAS, Along the Southern Gulf Coast states there are  
very few forts or other protection against invasion by a foreign  
army; and

WHEREAS, There is more sea coast unprotected in said section  
than in any other part of our country; and

WHEREAS, There are few railroad facilities in said section  
suitable for the transportation of troops from one coast of the  
United States to the other, and the local dirt roads are not pass-  
ible by heavy, motor-driven trucks sufficiently large to carry heavy  
guns from one section to another; and

WHEREAS, We believe it to be one of the most important assets  
in time of warfare and one of the most lasting in time of peace, to  
have said military highway--as a preparedness measure--for internal  
protection of our homes against foreign invasion;

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, That  
the Congress of the United States be and hereby is memorialized to  
make such appropriations and to pass such legislation as to empower