



Everglades Coalition

Resolution of the Everglades Coalition in Support of Commemorating Marjory Stoneman Douglas in the United States National Statuary Hall Collection

1000 Friends of Florida
 Arthur R. Marshall Foundation
 Audubon
 Audubon Florida
 Audubon of the Everglades
 Audubon of Southwest Florida
 Audubon of the Western Everglades
 Caloosahatchee River Citizens
 Association / Riverwatch
 Center for Biological Diversity
 Clean Water Action
 Conservancy of Southwest Florida
 Defenders of Wildlife
 "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society
 Earthjustice
 Environment Florida
 Everglades Coordinating Council
 Everglades Foundation
 Everglades Law Center
 Everglades Trust
 Florida Conservation Alliance
 Florida Defenders of the Environment
 Florida Keys Environmental Fund
 Florida Native Plant Society
 Florida Oceanographic Society
 Florida Wildlife Federation
 Friends of the Arthur R. Marshall
 Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge
 Friends of the Everglades
 Hendry Glades Audubon Society
 Institute for Regional Conservation
 Izaak Walton League Florida Division
 Izaak Walton League Florida Keys Chapter
 Izaak Walton League Mangrove Chapter
 Izaak Walton League of America
 Last Stand
 League of Women Voters of Florida
 Loxahatchee River Coalition
 Martin County Conservation Alliance
 Miami Waterkeeper
 National Parks Conservation Association
 National Wildlife Federation
 National Wildlife Refuge Association
 Natural Resources Defense Council
 Ocean Research & Conservation Association
 Reef Relief
 Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation
 Save It Now, Glades!
 Sierra Club
 Sierra Club Broward Group
 Sierra Club Calusa Group
 Sierra Club Central Florida Group
 Sierra Club Florida Chapter
 Sierra Club Loxahatchee Group
 Sierra Club Miami Group
 Snook and Gamefish Foundation
 South Florida Audubon Society
 Southern Alliance for Clean Energy
 Tropical Audubon Society
 The Urban Environment League of
 Greater Miami

WHEREAS, the National Statuary Hall Collection in the United States Capitol Building seeks to honor great Americans whose lives and legacy embody distinguished civic or military service worthy of national commemoration;

WHEREAS, each state is invited to contribute two statues of distinguished citizens to represent the state’s history and cultural character;

WHEREAS, Florida is home to America’s Everglades, an internationally unique ecosystem that delivers immeasurable ecological and economic benefits to the state while defining so much of the iconic Florida lifestyle – including boating, fishing, snorkeling, bird watching, wildlife viewing, swamp walks, and overall the adventurous free spirit of Florida’s people;

WHEREAS, Marjory Stoneman Douglas was a great American writer, journalist, and civic activist who worked tirelessly to bring public awareness and protection to the Everglades, including writing the iconic book “The Everglades: River of Grass” and receiving the Presidential Medal of Freedom for her conservation efforts;

WHEREAS, the Florida Legislature has the authority to replace an existing statue in the National Hall and commission new work to honor a distinguished individual that best represents the state’s history and cultural spirit; and

WHEREAS, an Act of Congress would be required to give final approval a new statue’s placement in the National Hall;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Everglades Coalition, with its 58 organizations committed to the full protection and restoration of America’s Everglades, strongly encourages Florida’s state and national elected leaders to honor the incredible life and legacy of Marjory Stoneman Douglas by approving the installation of her statue in the United States National Statuary Hall Collection, where her story can educate and inspire others to passionately protect the great natural resources of our state and nation.

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 State Co-Chair

Committed to full protection and restoration of America’s Everglades