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

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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