

1 House Resolution

2 A resolution denouncing democratic socialism in favor
3 of the true American values of individual liberty,
4 private property, and constitutional democracy.
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6 WHEREAS, since its inception, the United States has adhered
7 to the rule of law, embracing constitutional democracy and
8 individual liberty, and

9 WHEREAS, constitutional democracy trusts the people to
10 choose their leaders but protects individual liberty and
11 property from the tyranny of both the majority and the
12 government, and

13 WHEREAS, the rule of law ensures that society is governed
14 by duly enacted laws approved by representatives of the people,
15 thereby protecting real and personal property against arbitrary
16 confiscation, taxation, and regulation, and

17 WHEREAS, individual liberty includes the freedom of a
18 citizen to engage in, and benefit from, the labor of his or her
19 own hands, and

20 WHEREAS, in the words of statesman, lawyer, diplomat,
21 philosopher, and Founding Father James Madison, who served as
22 our nation's fourth president, "As a man is said to have a right
23 to his property, he may be equally said to have a property in
24 his rights," and

25 WHEREAS, all of the citizens of this great nation benefit

26 | from limiting the imposition of regulation on industry and
27 | supporting capitalism as a means of increasing the strength of
28 | our economy, and

29 | WHEREAS, in 2020, the International Monetary Fund reported
30 | that the economy of the United States remains the largest in the
31 | world at \$20.49 trillion, surpassing such competitors as China
32 | at \$13.4 trillion, Japan at \$4.97 trillion, and Germany at \$4
33 | trillion, and

34 | WHEREAS, in contrast to the foundational American values of
35 | individual liberty, private property, and constitutional
36 | democracy, democratic socialism is a political and economic
37 | theory of social organization which advocates the ownership or
38 | regulation of production, distribution, and exchange by the
39 | community as a whole, and

40 | WHEREAS, in many nations that have relied upon democratic
41 | socialism to improve the lives of their citizens, the result has
42 | been economic and social chaos, an extraordinarily low standard
43 | of living for the vast majority, and the absence of individual
44 | liberty for all, NOW, THEREFORE,

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46 | Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
47 | Florida:

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49 | That democratic socialism is denounced in favor of the true
50 | American values of individual liberty, private property, and

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51 | constitutional democracy.