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H. RES. 142

Recognizing the anniversary of the Adams-Onís Treaty.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. STEUBE (for himself, Mr. GAETZ, Mr. POSEY, Mr. SOTO, Mr. DIAZ-BALART, Mr. MAST, Mr. SPANO, Mr. DEUTCH, Mr. WALTZ, Mr. DUNN, and Mr. BILIRAKIS) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

RESOLUTION

Recognizing the anniversary of the Adams-Onís Treaty.

Whereas Spain claimed the lands that constitute present-day Florida in addition to the land stretching from its panhandle westward, across the southern portions of modern-day Alabama and Mississippi to the eastern banks of the Mississippi River;

Whereas General Andrew Jackson's invasion of Florida during the First Seminole War (1817–1818) spurred the Spanish Government, fearing the loss of its claim to the territory, to the negotiating table;

Whereas Secretary of State John Quincy Adams entered into negotiations with Spanish diplomat Don Luis de Onís in 1819;

Whereas Adams secured all of Spanish Florida, finalizing the Louisiana Purchase;

Whereas the treaty also set a new boundary running from the mouth of the Sabine River on the Gulf Coast (on the eastern border of modern-day Texas) northwestward along portions of the Sabine, Red, and Arkansas Rivers, then westward on the 42d parallel to the Oregon coast, and was the first boundary to traverse the United States continent;

Whereas the Adams-Onís Treaty also ushered in Congress's first Member of Hispanic descent; Joseph Marion Hernández served as Florida's first Territorial Delegate during the 17th Congress (1821–1823): Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the House of Rep-
 2 resentatives that Congress and the President should ac-
 3 knowledge the great decision to acquire the Florida terri-
 4 tory and to acknowledge the great contributions the State
 5 of Florida has given to the United States.

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