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**Resolution in Support of
"Keeping Florida Rockin!"**
(Continued Lake Belt Mining)

WHEREAS, on March 22, 2006, the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida, Miami Division, (Case No. 03-23427-CIV- Hoeveler) decided to remand environmental studies related to the Lake Belt plan back to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and

WHEREAS, if the court restricts Lake Belt mining while the federal agencies take 18 months to redo environmental studies used to issue mining permits, much of Florida could face unimaginable traffic gridlock, and

WHEREAS, according to the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), the production loss resulting from a shut-down in Lake Belt rock mining would be:

- 100% in Districts 6 and 4 (*all of Southeast Florida*),
- 50-75% in Districts 1 and 7 (*Southwest Florida and the Tampa Bay Region*), and
- 25-50% in Districts 5 and 2 (*Central Florida and Northeast Florida*), and

WHEREAS, a halt to mining in the Miami-Dade Lake Belt would:

1. shut down road construction and/or improvements in most of Florida,
2. dramatically drive up construction costs in those few areas still able to get "aggregate",
3. bring much of the housing construction industry in Florida to a standstill, and
4. quite possibly throw Florida's thriving economy into a recession,

WHEREAS, if a *foreign* power attempted to do any or all of these, Floridians would correctly label it an act of "economic terrorism," and

WHEREAS, before the federal court makes a decision, it should be FULLY aware of the transportation and economic implications of a possible shut-down on Lake Belt mining.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the _____
_____ strongly encourages the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida, Miami Division, to make the right decision for Florida's future!

***To be sent to the U.S. District Court in Miami,
AND appropriate elected officials in Tallahassee and Washington, D.C.***