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## Thomas Paine Statue Resolution

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE ERECTION OF A THOMAS PAINE STATUE, H.R. 6720, INTRODUCED INTO THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

WHEREAS Thomas Paine authored *Common Sense* and *The American Crisis* in 1776 two of the most influential pamphlets at the start of the American Revolution which helped inspire American patriots to declare independence from Great Britain in 1776, and

WHEREAS Paine's writings demonstrated how slavery undercut the colony's fight for liberty and justice with Great Britain, and

WHEREAS Paine was a leader in securing support and funding from France to support the American Revolution, and

WHEREAS Paine's ideas and writings had enormous influence on many great Americans and world thinkers including Abraham Lincoln, Thomas Edison, Sigmund Freud, and Bertrand Russell, and

WHEREAS founding father John Adams said, "Without the pen of Paine, George Washington's sword would have been yielded in vain;"

**NOW, THEREFORE, FLORIDA VETERANS FOR COMMON SENSE, Inc. adopts this resolution endorsing H.R. 6720: To authorize the Thomas Paine Memorial Association to establish a commemorative work in the District of Columbia and its environs, and for other purposes.**

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
Gene Jones  
President, Florida Veterans for Common Sense, Inc.

\_\_\_\_\_**3/31/2022**\_\_\_\_\_  
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Philippe Koenig  
Secretary, Florida Veterans for Common Sense, Inc.

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