

Resolution

WHEREAS, It has been proposed to construct a highway from a point on Florida's Lower Keys, across Florida Bay and across a portion of Everglades National Park, terminating on the West Coast of Florida; and

WHEREAS, Everglades National Park being directly related to the physical and chemical characteristics of Florida Bay, major road construction through this complex would seriously damage its vast biological resources, including habitats of both marine and land creatures; and

WHEREAS, Scientific studies strongly indicate this route will enter into a primary nursery ground for shrimp, thus posing a serious threat to this productive and valuable industry; and

WHEREAS, Both Sport and Commercial fishes depend upon Florida Bay estuaries for their protection and the route of this proposed road would destroy these estuarine areas and disrupt the ecology upon which these industries are dependent; and

WHEREAS, Construction of this proposed highway would reduce tidal flow and raise salinity of Florida Bay to new and more dangerous levels, thus further destroying natural resources of this body of water and its estuaries; therefore

RESOLVED, That The Upper Keys Garden Club in regular session, has gone on record as being opposed to building of this proposed highway from Florida's Lower Keys across Florida Bay and Everglades National Park to the West Coast of Florida.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Upper Keys Garden Club is in full accord with efforts to prevent building of this highway; is opposed to sale of Florida's sovereign lands for such highway purposes; and is opposed to all and any construction which will cause destruction of irreplaceable natural resources in Florida Bay.

Upper Keys Garden Club
ORGANIZATION

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