

By Senators Campbell and Meadows

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1 Senate Memorial No. ____

2 A memorial to the Congress of the United
3 States, urging Congress to reauthorize the
4 Older Americans Act.

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6 WHEREAS, since its passage in 1965, the Older Americans
7 Act has been the prime funding source for aging programs
8 benefitting the multiple needs of persons who are age 60 and
9 older, and

10 WHEREAS, this important legislation provides
11 appropriations to support senior centers, Meals on Wheels,
12 transportation, adult day care, homemakers services, legal
13 services, home repair, and information and referral services
14 planned by local Area Agencies on Aging to help delay or
15 prevent institutionalization, and

16 WHEREAS, Florida is the year-round home of more than
17 3.3 million senior citizens, many of whom rely on Older
18 Americans Act Services for their daily sustenance, and

19 WHEREAS, the Older Americans Act was calendared for
20 reauthorization in 1995, 1996, and 1997, but placed on a
21 continuation budget for each of the specified years, and

22 WHEREAS, the legislation usually is reauthorized for a
23 period of three or four consecutive years; NOW, THEREFORE,

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25 Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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27 That the Congress of the United States is requested to
28 reauthorize the Older Americans Act for a five-year period
29 beginning January 1, 1999, or sooner, to help assure the
30 merited right of older Americans to live their retirement
31 years with merited dignity.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this memorial be
2 sent to the President of the United States, the President of
3 the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States
4 House of Representatives, and to each member of the Florida
5 delegation to the United States Congress.
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