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House Resolution

A resolution recognizing the 75th anniversary of the Florida League of Cities, Inc., and proclaiming April 9, 1997, "Florida League of Cities Day."

WHEREAS, 1997 marks the 75th anniversary of the Florida League of Cities, Inc., an organization which has been a united voice for the cities, towns, and villages of this state, and

WHEREAS, in 1922, a group of city officials gathered in Tampa to discuss the plight of cities and the need to stand together before the Florida Legislature and Cabinet, the Congress of the United States, and the various state and federal agencies, and thus the Florida Municipal League was formed, and

WHEREAS, with the state's tremendous growth and corresponding increase in the number of cities, the League added new and innovative programs for its members, changing its name in 1970 to the Florida League of Cities, Inc., with its permanent home in Tallahassee, and

WHEREAS, home to nearly half of the state's population, the 398 dedicated municipal governments in Florida are the providers of numerous services, and each city, town, and village strives to be effective and efficient for its citizens, and

WHEREAS, through the League, which represents over 95 percent of Florida's municipalities, elected city officials have valiantly sought to preserve the Home Rule authority granted in the Florida Constitution and to ensure the

1 independent status of cities, which are the cornerstones of
2 American democracy, and

3 WHEREAS, the Florida League of Cities, Inc., the
4 largest state municipal association in the nation, works
5 actively with its counterparts around America and with the
6 National League of Cities, and

7 WHEREAS, the League's annual Legislative Action Day
8 provides a timely opportunity for recognition of this
9 significant anniversary in the history of the League and of
10 the commitment of its members to work with the Legislature,
11 NOW, THEREFORE,

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13 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
14 Florida:

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16 That the House of Representatives pauses in its
17 deliberations to congratulate the Florida League of Cities,
18 Inc., on its 75th anniversary and hereby proclaims April 9,
19 1997, "Florida League of Cities Day."
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