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Senate Resolution No. _____

A resolution recognizing the affiliated Florida Chapters of the Association for Retarded Citizens for more than 50 years of community service.

WHEREAS, the affiliated chapters of ARC/Florida have provided many years of community services and have helped hundreds of families and their loved ones, and

WHEREAS, these local chapters provide training, education, jobs, family supports, and other services that are crucial in helping persons with retardation remain with their families or provide for their own support, and

WHEREAS, these local chapters provide residential services in the form of group homes and other settings for people who can no longer remain with their families or live independently, and

WHEREAS, these services help persons with retardation remain within their communities and avoid the use of high-cost institutional care, and

WHEREAS, the ARC/Florida and its local affiliated chapters have provided more than 50 years of continuous advocacy and services to people in this state, and

WHEREAS, March has been declared Mental Retardation Month, NOW, THEREFORE,

Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

That the Florida Senate recognizes ARC/Florida and its affiliates throughout the state for their exemplary

1 contribution and encourages their continued assistance in
2 helping persons with disabilities.

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