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House Resolution

A resolution recognizing Goodwill Industries' contributions to Florida's citizens and its economy.

WHEREAS, founded in 1902, Goodwill Industries is the largest nonprofit provider of employment and training services in the nation, affording employment, job-training, and career-service opportunities to people with disabilities, as well as to those with disadvantages such as welfare dependency, illiteracy, criminal history, and homelessness, and

WHEREAS, during its 101-year existence, Goodwill has helped millions of people through its programs and services, and, in 2002 alone, over 90,000 Floridians participated in the employment and training offered by Goodwill and more than 20,000 obtained community employment, and

WHEREAS, the Florida Goodwill Association, comprised of nine Goodwill member organizations located throughout the state, collectively generated more than \$240 million in earnings for individuals placed in community employment, resulting in a significant contribution to the state's economic base and tax revenues, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

That the House of Representatives enthusiastically recognizes the Florida Goodwill Association and commends its offering of the many invaluable programs that have expanded opportunities for and occupational capabilities of thousands of Floridians.



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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be
32 presented to Dennis Clark, President of the Florida Goodwill
33 Association, as a tangible token of the sentiments expressed
34 herein.