

By Senator Bullard

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1 Senate Resolution No. ____

2 A resolution commending Camillus House for its
3 contributions to improving the quality of life
4 for homeless persons.

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6 WHEREAS, Camillus Housing Services addresses the most
7 obvious aspect of homelessness, providing a wide range of
8 assistance to people who speak English, Spanish, and Creole,
9 including emergency, transitional, and permanent housing;
10 comprehensive health care; and social services, and

11 WHEREAS, the Camillus Emergency Shelter provides a
12 total of 102 beds for adult males, 55 of which are reserved
13 for Camillus Life Center clients who reside onsite during
14 their treatment; 10 of which are reserved for clients in the
15 New Work Program; 7 of which are reserved for use as respite
16 beds by Camillus Health Concern patients who are in need of
17 bed rest; and the remaining 30 of which are reserved for use
18 on a first-come, first-serve basis for homeless persons living
19 on the street, and

20 WHEREAS, Camillus House provides transitional housing
21 for formerly homeless men and women who have recently
22 completed a substance abuse treatment program, while the
23 Cottages of Naranja provides 6-9 month transitional housing
24 for single, homeless adults, the Airbase Housing Program
25 provides transitional housing in new units built on the former
26 Homestead Air Reserve Base, the St. Jude Center provides
27 transitional supportive housing, and the Somerville Residence
28 program provides permanent affordable housing to 47 families,
29 and

30 WHEREAS, Camillus House provides many other services to
31 homeless persons, including meals, showers, outpatient

1 treatment for drug and alcohol additions, work programs, case
2 management, community and agency referral information, access
3 to telephone, mail, and a notary public, and social security
4 assistance, and

5 WHEREAS, Camillus House has implemented an Outreach and
6 Placement Services Program operated by three outreach teams
7 who go into the streets to find homeless persons, annually
8 contacting and offering assistance to approximately 2,500
9 homeless persons and providing them with access to services
10 offered through Miami-Dade County's continuum of care system
11 together with information on social services and shelter
12 availability, and

13 WHEREAS, the demonstrated readiness of Camillus House
14 to meet the complex needs of homeless persons identifies their
15 mission as a mission of hope, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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19 That the Camillus House is commended for its
20 contributions to improving the quality of life for homeless
21 persons, giving meaning to the words "I am my brother's
22 keeper," and exemplifying compassionate caring in ways that
23 truly make a difference.

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