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## House Resolution

A resolution congratulating the Society of St. Andrew.

WHEREAS, since 1979, when it was founded in a sheep shed in Big Island, Virginia, the Society of St. Andrew, an ecumenical Christian ministry, has grown into the largest nonprofit hunger relief organization of its type in the nation, each year distributing throughout the United States some 40 million pounds of nutritious produce that otherwise would have been left in the fields to rot or to be plowed under after harvest, and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Agriculture endorses the Society of St. Andrew as "the major gleaning organization in the country," and, in her maiden speech on the floor of the United States Senate, Senator Elizabeth Dole directed considerable praise toward the society, lauding its innovative, common-sense approach to hunger, and

WHEREAS, the help of volunteers from churches, synagogues, scout troops, senior citizen groups, and other segments of society enables the Society of St. Andrew to provide food to the hungry for about a penny per serving, and last year alone these volunteers numbered more than 43,000, 2,700 of whom served in Florida to provide fresh produce to nearly every county of the state, and

WHEREAS, in the year 2004, the Society of St. Andrew is celebrating its 25th year as an organization providing food to the nation's hungry, hope to its poor, and an opportunity of service to its thousands of volunteers, NOW, THEREFORE,

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29 | Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of  
30 | Florida:

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32 |       That the Society of St. Andrew is congratulated on its 25th  
33 | anniversary and is sincerely applauded for its remarkable  
34 | efforts in providing nutritious, satisfying food to those in our  
35 | country who would otherwise be without.

36 |       BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be  
37 | presented to Richard R. Mead, Regional Director, the Society of  
38 | St. Andrew, as a tangible token of the sentiments expressed  
39 | herein.