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House Resolution

A resolution recognizing RESPECT of Florida for promoting quality jobs for Floridians with disabilities.

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the State of Florida to encourage and assist individuals with disabilities, including those with severe disabilities, to achieve maximum personal independence through useful and productive employment, thus enhancing their dignity and minimizing their dependence on public support, and

WHEREAS, more than 70 percent of individuals in Florida with disabilities, including individuals with severe disabilities, are unemployed, and

WHEREAS, for more than 30 years, RESPECT of Florida has provided thousands of jobs for individuals whose disabilities range from relatively mild to severe, and

WHEREAS, RESPECT of Florida creates industries that contribute to the economies of local communities in the state, and

WHEREAS, RESPECT of Florida provides a valuable service to the state and is a nationally recognized model program for providing employment for persons with severe disabilities, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

That RESPECT of Florida is recognized as a necessary,

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29 | viable, and valuable means for carrying out the state's policy
30 | of promoting gainful employment for Floridians with
31 | disabilities, including those with severe disabilities.