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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing April 21, 2006, as
"Florida's First Financial Fitness Friday."

WHEREAS, a solid foundation in the knowledge and skills
of financial management, including budgeting, balancing a
checkbook, savings and investments, personal insurance, the
wise use of credit, computing income taxes, and planning for
retirement, is essential to an improved quality of life for
all Floridians; however, it has been observed that becoming
financially literate is a lifelong process that, for many
people, requires assistance from outside the home, and

WHEREAS, members of the Florida Institute of Certified
Public Accountants, as trusted financial advisors, are
committed to active involvement in their communities through
volunteer participation in financial education initiatives
that teach sound financial management and promote prudent
decisionmaking in setting goals and building financial
security, and

WHEREAS, the Florida Institute of Certified Public
Accountants has developed a multifaceted program in which
CPA's take a broad leadership role in educating Floridians,
from school children to retirees, as to sound financial
practices that apply to their particular life stages, and

WHEREAS, in observance of National Financial Literacy
Month, the institute has created a checklist of items
individuals are encouraged to review annually in order to stay
financially fit and, further, has developed an "Ask the
Expert" hotline and dedicated the FICPA website as outreach
initiatives available on Friday, April 21, 2006, through which

1 | the public may receive from CPA volunteers guidance on sound
2 | financial practices, and

3 | WHEREAS, the Florida Institute of Certified Public
4 | Accountants maintains that improving financial literacy for
5 | all residents of Florida would serve to strengthen families
6 | and communities and suggests that educational and financial
7 | institutions, government entities, community-based
8 | organizations, and CPA's may work together to better equip
9 | Floridians to make informed choices about their finances, NOW,
10 | THEREFORE,

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

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14 | That the Florida Senate recognizes April 21, 2006, as
15 | "Florida's First Financial Fitness Friday" and urges the
16 | state's residents to avail themselves of the knowledge and
17 | tools offered as a means of improving their financial
18 | stability.

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