

By Senator Hill

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Senate Resolution

A resolution commending the Habitat for Humanity of Jacksonville, Florida, for its service to the City of Jacksonville.

WHEREAS, in the spirit of providing affordable housing, nine visionaries in the Jacksonville community incorporated Habitat for Humanity of Jacksonville, Florida, better known as HabiJax, in 1988, and

WHEREAS, HabiJax is a community development program that involves local businesses, churches, and individuals who invest in the improvement of their community in Duval County, and its mission is to eliminate poverty and substandard housing conditions by working in cooperation with God's people in need, without regard to race or religion, to create a better habitat in which to live and work, and

WHEREAS, since 1989, the inspiration and collaboration of many concerned Jacksonville residents have enabled HabiJax to build more than 1,400 homes which far surpasses any other local provider of affordable housing and any Habitat for Humanity affiliate in the country, and

WHEREAS, HabiJax has accomplished many milestones, such as the completion of 100 homes in 1994, the completion of 200 homes in 2000 during a Jimmy Carter Work Project that transformed a public housing site into the Fairway Oaks Community of 85 single-family homes in only 17 days, the celebration of the dedication of the 1,000th home in December 2002, and the building of 39 homes in honor of the City of Jacksonville serving as host to Super Bowl XXXIX in February, 2005, and

1 WHEREAS, in June, 2006, HabiJax partnered with the
2 Northeast Florida Builders Association and 22 local member
3 builders to complete 30 homes in McNair Park Villas in 7 days
4 in recognition of HabiJax's 30th anniversary, and

5 WHEREAS, in 2006 approximately 22 companies and
6 organizations have partnered with HabiJax to build homes in
7 the Jacksonville community with EverBank Financial Corp and
8 Stein Mart, Inc., leading the way in numbers of homes
9 sponsored, and

10 WHEREAS, support from HabiJax sponsors has helped build
11 strong families, solid communities, and lasting partnerships
12 wherein families have moved out of inadequate housing and into
13 homes of their own which fosters a new sense of pride and
14 independence, and

15 WHEREAS, building on faith, HabiJax and its partners
16 will accomplish another milestone in 2007--the construction of
17 the 1,500th house, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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21 That Habitat for Humanity of Jacksonville, Florida, is
22 commended for its outstanding accomplishments and devotion to
23 its mission of providing affordable housing to those in need
24 and eliminating poverty and substandard housing in Duval
25 County for the past 19 years.