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## 1 House Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing the role of associations in  
3 Florida's economy and designating April 17, 2007, as  
4 "Associations Advance Florida Day."  
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6 WHEREAS, associations originated with the guilds of  
7 medieval times and have developed into some of the largest and  
8 most powerful forces in the United States today, and

9 WHEREAS, associations are filled with people who find  
10 strength in numbers and share common interests of industries,  
11 professions, charities, hobbies, and philanthropic action, and

12 WHEREAS, associations are founded upon the principles of  
13 democracy, volunteerism, and the common interests which are at  
14 the heart of the American experience, and

15 WHEREAS, associations share the goals of helping their  
16 members and advancing society, and

17 WHEREAS, associations represent an enormous collective  
18 presence because their work is woven throughout the fabric of  
19 society, and the public has come to depend on the social and  
20 economic benefits that associations afford, and

21 WHEREAS, the estimate of the direct economic value of  
22 associations to the State of Florida is more \$1.7 billion  
23 annually, including payroll, rent and mortgagee expenses,  
24 transportation, printing, office supplies, postage, lodging and  
25 facility accommodations, and educational programs, and

26 WHEREAS, the association community in Florida provides  
27 nearly 60,000 professional positions and accommodates more than

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28 | three million meeting attendees, adding to nearly three-quarters  
29 | of hotel meeting revenue in the State of Florida, and

30 |       WHEREAS, associations pay nearly \$52 million in taxes each  
31 | year, and association staff and members donate more than 10  
32 | million hours of service to their associations and communities  
33 | each year, NOW, THEREFORE,

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35 | Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of  
36 | Florida:

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38 |       That, in recognition of the role of associations in  
39 | Florida's economy, the Florida House of Representatives proudly  
40 | designates April 17, 2007, as "Associations Advance Florida  
41 | Day."