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1 House Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing April 17, 2007, as "Community
3 Action Day" in Florida.

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5 WHEREAS, community action agencies were created to fight
6 the war on poverty when the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 was
7 signed into law, and

8 WHEREAS, community action agencies comprise America's
9 poverty-fighting network and have a 40-year history of promoting
10 self-sufficiency for low-income families, children, and
11 individuals, and

12 WHEREAS, there are over 1,000 community action agencies
13 nationally, with 30 operational community action agencies
14 serving low-income families, children, and individuals
15 throughout 65 counties in this state, and

16 WHEREAS, the percentage of Americans living in poverty has
17 reportedly reached a 32-year high, with millions of working
18 Americans falling closer to the poverty line, and

19 WHEREAS, a recent analysis of the 2005 United States Census
20 figures found that nearly 16 million Americans are living in
21 deep or severe poverty and that Florida ranks number 4 in states
22 with the most people in severe poverty at 943,670, and

23 WHEREAS, Florida's community action agencies have made
24 essential contributions to low-income families, children, and
25 individuals by providing services to 307,275 individuals and
26 128,003 families in 2005, and

27 WHEREAS, Florida's community action agencies provide low-
28 income citizens with opportunities to improve their lives and

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29 | their living conditions through innovative and cost-effective
30 | programs, thus ensuring that all citizens are able to live in
31 | dignity, and

32 | WHEREAS, as the war on poverty continues across the
33 | country, it is fitting to recognize and commend those community
34 | action agencies in this state that are at the forefront of this
35 | struggle, NOW THEREFORE,

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37 | Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
38 | Florida:

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40 | That in recognition of the hard work, commitment, and
41 | dedication of Florida's community action agencies and their
42 | invaluable contributions to the well-being of needy citizens
43 | throughout the state, April 17, 2007, is recognized as
44 | "Community Action Day" in Florida.