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1 House Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing AARP on its 50th Anniversary.

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4 WHEREAS, AARP is a voluntary, nonprofit, nonpartisan
5 membership organization that has a 50-year history of leading
6 positive social change by harnessing the individual and
7 collective power of its members to improve the lives of
8 residents of the United States and Florida as they age, and

9 WHEREAS, AARP has, since its establishment in 1958 by
10 retired educator Ethel Percy Andrus, taken as its motto "To
11 serve, not to be served," and

12 WHEREAS, AARP's "army of useful citizens" in Florida
13 includes more than 3,200 volunteers who offer courses in money
14 management, assistance in tax preparation, safe driving courses,
15 advocacy services, job training, intergenerational education,
16 community rebuilding, home visitation, and nonpartisan voter
17 education, and

18 WHEREAS, AARP has amplified its members' voices on issues
19 of statewide importance such as high quality and affordable
20 health care, lifetime financial security, and consumer
21 protection, and

22 WHEREAS, AARP has helped to foster proactive policies that
23 enable Florida residents to achieve the quality of life and
24 peace of mind they deserve, and

25 WHEREAS, AARP exemplifies the belief that diversity in age,
26 economic status, attitudes, ability, and lifestyles is a source
27 of strength for the state and nation, and

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28 WHEREAS, AARP works to develop strong communities that are
29 characterized by affordable and appropriate housing, ease of
30 mobility, and features and services that support the lives and
31 lifestyles of people of all ages, and

32 WHEREAS, having successfully built alliances statewide
33 among businesses, communities, and Florida's residents of all
34 generations, AARP continues to work towards an economic
35 environment that supports and promotes the potential of mature
36 workers, and

37 WHEREAS, AARP recognizes that ensuring the safety,
38 involvement, health, and well-being of residents 50 years of age
39 and older is not a destination but a continuing journey, NOW,
40 THEREFORE,

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

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45 That the House of Representatives congratulates AARP for 50
46 years of service to this state and nation and for championing
47 the future of every generation.