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1 House Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing March 11, 2008, 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 31 operational community action agencies
14 serving low-income families, children, and individuals
15 throughout 65 counties in this state, and

16 WHEREAS, in 2007, it was reported that the percentage of
17 Americans living in poverty has reportedly reached a 32-year
18 high, with millions of working Americans falling closer to the
19 poverty line, and

20 WHEREAS, a recent analysis of the 2006 American Community
21 Survey reported that over 38 million Americans are living below
22 the poverty level and that Florida ranks 26th in states with the
23 most people below the poverty level at 2,226,587, and

24 WHEREAS, Florida's community action agencies have made
25 essential contributions to low-income families, children, and
26 individuals by providing services to 363,604 individuals and
27 114,303 families in 2006, and

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28 WHEREAS, Florida's community action agencies provide low-
29 income citizens with opportunities to improve their lives and
30 their living conditions through innovative and cost-efficient
31 programs, thus ensuring that all citizens are able to live in
32 dignity, and

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

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

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41 That in recognition of the hard work, commitment, and
42 dedication of Florida's community action agencies and their
43 invaluable contributions to the well-being of needy citizens
44 throughout the state, March 11, 2008, is recognized as
45 "Community Action Day" in Florida.