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1 House Resolution

2 A resolution designating March 31, 2011, as "Civilian
3 Conservation Corps Member Appreciation Day" in Florida.

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5 WHEREAS, in the midst of the Great Depression, President
6 Franklin D. Roosevelt's administration created the Office of
7 Emergency Conservation Work, which would later become the
8 Civilian Conservation Corps, in order to provide work for the
9 unemployed in the areas of conservation, restoration, and
10 recreational development of federal and state public lands, and

11 WHEREAS, in 1934, state officials collaborated with the
12 National Park Service in the acquisition and development of land
13 for state parks and forests, and this endeavor led to the
14 creation of the Florida Park Service and the establishment of
15 Civilian Conservation Corps work camps across the first eight
16 state parks, where employees constructed cabins, picnic
17 pavilions, entrance stations, support buildings, and other
18 recreational facilities, many of which still exist today, and

19 WHEREAS, the Civilian Conservation Corps employees earned
20 much-needed wages that supported their families as they
21 performed a variety of tasks, including landscaping,
22 reforestation, reintroducing wildlife to depleted areas,
23 constructing and operating fish hatcheries, implementing soil
24 conservation measures, and developing forest firefighting
25 methods, and

26 WHEREAS, the labor and dedication of the Civilian
27 Conservation Corps nurtured the evolution of Florida's state
28 park system, which now consists of 160 state parks from

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29 Pensacola to Key West, providing the citizens of the state with
30 a vast and flourishing landscape that preserves Florida's unique
31 natural beauty, protects its rich and varied wildlife, and
32 maintains a definitive element of its culture and heritage, and

33 WHEREAS, modern tenets of conservation are an outgrowth of
34 the work begun by the Civilian Conservation Corps, and its
35 continued dedication to the principles of preservation,
36 conservation, and civil service is an invaluable asset to the
37 ecosystem and residents of Florida, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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42 That in recognition of the accomplishments, service, and
43 legacy of the Civilian Conservation Corps, March 31, 2011, is
44 designated as "Civilian Conservation Corps Member Appreciation
45 Day" in the State of Florida.