

By Senator Dean

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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing the 100th anniversary of Advent Christian Village.

WHEREAS, established in 1913 on 1,000 acres of land donated by Thomas Dowling and Richard W. Sears to the Advent Christian Church, the American Advent Christian Home and Orphanage was chartered and incorporated in the State of Florida in 1915, and was the state's first retirement home, and

WHEREAS, in spite of natural disasters, the Great Depression, severe economic shortages, and other hardships, the Home and Orphanage thrived with the support of Advent Christian churches across the country, and despite taking slightly different forms, its mission has remained in keeping with the spirit of its founding: to express Christ's love by providing compassionate care and quality comprehensive services for senior adults, families with special needs, and children in a secure, supportive residential setting, and

WHEREAS, now known as Advent Christian Village, the humble Home and Orphanage has evolved into a self-contained community that welcomes people of all faiths, is made up of over 800 residents and members, and serves an additional 300 people in the surrounding community of Dowling Park, and

WHEREAS, Advent Christian Village consists of 300 rental apartments ranging in style from mid-rise apartment buildings to garden apartments, clusters, duplexes, and single-dwelling homes, while the Village Square offers a grocery store, a bank, a branch of the United States Postal Service, a beauty salon and barber shop, gift shops, a unique resale store, an arts-and-

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30 crafts shop, and a cafe, and its caring staff provide home care,
31 social services, housekeeping, and transportation services, and

32 WHEREAS, the W. B. Copeland Medical Center, Advent
33 Christian Village's state-of-the-art medical clinic, provides
34 medical care in the areas of family practice, geriatrics,
35 women's health, dentistry, and urgent care; offers various
36 laboratory, testing, and radiological services; and provides
37 outpatient rehabilitative services such as physical therapy,
38 speech and occupational therapy, osteoporosis and joint care,
39 pain management, stroke rehabilitation, and cognitive and
40 communication therapy, among others, and

41 WHEREAS, as part of its centennial celebration, Advent
42 Christian Village held the dedication and inaugural walk of the
43 Village Heritage Trail, a walking path through the village along
44 which are marked the locations of significant buildings from the
45 early days of the village, complete with photographs and a
46 description of how each structure served the ministry, allowing
47 residents and visitors to reflect on 100 years of care,
48 compassion, and excellence, NOW, THEREFORE,

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50 Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

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52 That Advent Christian Village is honored for a century of
53 invaluable service to the citizens of this state and is heartily
54 congratulated on the occasion of its 100th anniversary.