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## 1 House Resolution

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

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

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

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

24 WHEREAS, Advent Christian Village consists of 300 rental  
25 apartments ranging in style from mid-rise apartment buildings to  
26 garden apartments, clusters, duplexes, and single-dwelling  
27 homes, while the Village Square offers a grocery store, a bank,  
28 a branch of the United States Postal Service, a beauty salon and

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29 barber shop, gift shops, a unique resale store, an arts-and-  
 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 House of Representatives of the State of  
 51 Florida:

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