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Senate Memorial

A memorial to the Congress of the United States,
urging Congress to restore funding for the Supportive
Housing for the Elderly Program.

WHEREAS, the senior population nationwide increased from
3.1 million to 33.2 million during the 20th century and, by
2030, the number of seniors is projected to increase to 80
million, and

WHEREAS, half of people age 65 or older reside in nine
states, led by Florida, California, and New York, and

WHEREAS, interest rates for personal savings accounts have
dropped to less than one-half of 1 percent, pension and health
care payments for retirees are decreasing, and the value of
investments in 401(k) retirement savings accounts and stocks
have dramatically decreased, and

WHEREAS, federal funding for low-cost housing was
eliminated in 2012 after being cut dramatically from \$650
million in 2005 to \$78 million in 2011, and

WHEREAS, with thousands of low-income seniors on waiting
lists, some for as many as 3 years, there is a desperate need
for low-cost housing for seniors, NOW, THEREFORE,

Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

That the Congress of the United States is urged to assist
our nation's low-income seniors by restoring and adequately
funding the Supportive Housing for the Elderly Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be

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30 dispatched to the President of the United States, to the
31 President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the
32 United States House of Representatives, and to each member of
33 the Florida delegation to the United States Congress.