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1 House Memorial

2 A memorial to the Congress of the United States,
3 urging Congress to restore and provide adequate
4 funding for the Supportive Housing for the Elderly
5 Program.

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7 WHEREAS, the senior population nationwide increased
8 dramatically from 3.1 million in 1900 to 41.4 million in 2011,
9 and, by 2030, is projected to increase to 70 million, and

10 WHEREAS, more than 50 percent of the senior population
11 nationwide resides in nine states, including second-ranked
12 Florida, which, in 2011, had a senior population of 3.4 million,
13 and

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

19 WHEREAS, federal funding for low-cost housing for seniors
20 has been cut drastically, with no new construction funded in
21 2012, and

22 WHEREAS, thousands of low-income seniors are in immediate,
23 desperate need for low-cost housing, NOW, THEREFORE,

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25 Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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27 That the Congress of the United States is urged to assist
28 our nation's low-income seniors by restoring and adequately
29 funding the Supportive Housing for the Elderly Program.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
31 dispatched to the President of the United States, to the
32 President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the
33 United States House of Representatives, and to each member of
34 the Florida delegation to the United States Congress.