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House Resolution

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2 A resolution encouraging Florida's communities to adopt
3 Governor Jeb Bush's Communities for a Lifetime initiative
4 in order to retain our seniors and attract more retirees
5 to Florida.

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7 WHEREAS, Florida residents aged 60 or older make up 23
8 percent, or 3.8 million, of the current population of the state,
9 comprising the highest percentage of elders living in any state
10 of the nation, and their numbers are expected to experience
11 unprecedented growth during the first part of this century, and

12 WHEREAS, the Governor's Destination Florida Commission, in
13 its report of February 14, 2003, cites the positive impact
14 seniors have on the state's economy, including \$2.8 billion in
15 taxes they provide above their costs to state and local
16 governments and their assets in deposit, which are estimated at
17 \$320 billion, and

18 WHEREAS, the Communities for a Lifetime initiative was
19 established in an effort to create a safer, more friendly
20 environment for the seniors of our state, and

21 WHEREAS, to date, some 55 cities and counties have adopted
22 the Communities for a Lifetime initiative in an effort to better
23 enable our elder residents to live in dignity, security, and
24 independence, and

25 WHEREAS, it is in the interest of all Floridians to work
26 together to create a safe and welcoming atmosphere to which the
27 senior members of our society are attracted and in which they
28 may live comfortably and independently in their homes and
29 communities, NOW, THEREFORE,

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31 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
32 Florida:

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34 That the House of Representatives applauds the Communities
35 for a Lifetime initiative and urges cities and counties
36 throughout the state to adopt its goals and methods in order to
37 provide the ideal climate in which Florida's resident seniors
38 may live and to which elders throughout the country are
39 attracted and welcomed.

40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that cities and counties are
41 encouraged to contact the Department of Elder Affairs as an
42 excellent source of information and assistance in this matter.