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## House Resolution

A resolution designating April 21, 2006, as "Florida's First Financial Fitness Friday."

WHEREAS, a solid foundation in the knowledge and skills of financial management, including budgeting, balancing a checkbook, savings and investments, personal insurance, the wise use of credit, computing income taxes, and planning for retirement, is essential to an improved quality of life for all Floridians; however, it has been observed that becoming financially literate is a lifelong process that, for many people, requires assistance from outside the home, and

WHEREAS, members of the Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants, as trusted financial advisors, are committed to active involvement in their communities through volunteer participation in financial education initiatives that teach sound financial management and promote prudent decisionmaking in setting goals and building financial security, and

WHEREAS, the Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants has developed a multifaceted program in which CPA's take a broad leadership role in educating Floridians, from school children to retirees, as to sound financial practices that apply to their particular life stages, and

WHEREAS, in observance of National Financial Literacy Month, the institute has created a checklist of items individuals are encouraged to review annually in order to stay financially fit and, further, has developed an "Ask the Expert" hotline and dedicated the FICPA website as outreach initiatives

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29 available on Friday, April 21, 2006, through which the public  
30 may receive from CPA volunteers guidance on sound financial  
31 practices, and

32 WHEREAS, the Florida Institute of Certified Public  
33 Accountants maintains that improving financial literacy for all  
34 residents of Florida would serve to strengthen families and  
35 communities and suggests that educational and financial  
36 institutions, government entities, community-based  
37 organizations, and CPA's may work together to better equip  
38 Floridians to make informed choices about their finances, NOW,  
39 THEREFORE,

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41 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of  
42 Florida:

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44 That the House of Representatives designates April 21,  
45 2006, as "Florida's First Financial Fitness Friday" and urges  
46 the state's residents to avail themselves of the knowledge and  
47 tools offered as a means of improving their financial stability.