

By Senator Rich

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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing the AARP on its 50th Anniversary.

WHEREAS, AARP is a voluntary, nonprofit, nonpartisan membership organization that has a 50-year history of leading positive social change by harnessing the individual and collective power of its members to improve the lives of residents of the United States and Florida as they age, and

WHEREAS, AARP has, since its establishment in 1958 by retired educator Ethel Percy Andrus, taken as its motto "To serve, not to be served," and

WHEREAS, AARP's "army of useful citizens" in Florida includes more than 3,200 volunteers who offer courses in money management, assistance in tax preparation, safe driving courses, advocacy services, job training, intergenerational education, community rebuilding, home visitation, and nonpartisan voter education, and

WHEREAS, AARP has amplified its members' voices on issues of statewide importance such as high quality and affordable health care, lifetime financial security, and consumer protection, and

WHEREAS, AARP has helped to foster proactive policies that enable Florida residents to achieve the quality of life and peace of mind they deserve, and

WHEREAS, AARP exemplifies the belief that diversity in age, economic status, attitudes, ability, and lifestyles is a source of strength for the state and nation, and

WHEREAS, AARP works to develop strong communities that are characterized by affordable and appropriate housing, ease of

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29 mobility, and features and services that support the lives and
30 lifestyles of people of all ages, and

31 WHEREAS, having successfully built alliances statewide among
32 businesses, communities, and Florida's residents of all
33 generations, AARP continues to work towards an economic
34 environment that supports and promotes the potential of mature
35 workers, and

36 WHEREAS, AARP recognizes that ensuring the safety,
37 involvement, health, and well-being of residents 50 years of age
38 and older is not a destination but a continuing journey, NOW,
39 THEREFORE,

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41 Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

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43 That the Senate congratulates the AARP for 50 years of
44 service to this state and nation and for championing the future
45 of every generation.