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## House Resolution

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2 A resolution commending Senator Helen Gordon Davis for her  
3 distinguished service to Florida's displaced homemakers  
4 and designating April 10, 2008, as "Senator Helen Gordon  
5 Davis Appreciation Day" in Florida.  
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7 WHEREAS, Senator Helen Gordon Davis served the people of  
8 Florida as a State Representative from 1974 to 1988 and as a  
9 State Senator from 1988 to 1992, and

10 WHEREAS, Senator Davis worked tirelessly to promote the  
11 well-being of women and children and has been honored for her  
12 work by many groups, a few of which include the Florida Women's  
13 Consortium, American Business Women, the National Organization  
14 for Women, the Florida Network of Youth and Family Services, and  
15 the American Association of University Women, and

16 WHEREAS, Senator Davis recognized a need for widows and  
17 divorcees who had been homemakers during most of their adult  
18 lives to have peer counseling, job training, and support groups  
19 to help them enter the job market, so she established the first  
20 displaced homemaker program at the Centre for Women in Tampa,  
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22 WHEREAS, following the success of the program in Tampa,  
23 Senator Davis sponsored legislation to provide displaced  
24 homemaker centers throughout the state, and

25 WHEREAS, in 1988, Senator Davis sponsored legislation to  
26 establish the Displaced Homemaker Trust Fund from marriage  
27 license fees and divorce filing fees, which trust fund continues  
28 in existence to this day, and

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29 WHEREAS, the Florida House of Representatives would like to  
30 honor Senator Helen Gordon Davis for her vision and pioneering  
31 efforts on behalf of Florida's displaced homemakers, NOW,  
32 THEREFORE,

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34 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of  
35 Florida:

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37 That the House of Representatives designates April 10,  
38 2008, as "Senator Helen Gordon Davis Appreciation Day" in  
39 Florida and commends Senator Davis for her distinguished service  
40 to Florida's displaced homemakers.

41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be  
42 presented to Senator Helen Gordon Davis as a tangible token of  
43 the sentiments expressed herein.