House Resolution
A resolution recognizing and commending the individuals, foundations, and corporate givers of the state for their charitable acts that enrich the quality of life of all Floridians.

WHEREAS, according to the National Center for Charitable Statistics, Florida is home to over 71,000 nonprofit organizations that provide an array of services such as feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, supporting education and research, and promoting the arts, and

WHEREAS, individuals, foundations, and corporations in Florida donated approximately $\$ 17.7$ billion to charitable organizations in 2007, and

WHEREAS, individual giving accounted for almost 80 percent of Florida's charitable gifts while charitable bequests comprised approximately 12 percent, and foundations, corporations, and other grant-making organizations provided the remaining 8 percent, and

WHEREAS, 75 percent of Floridians gave money to a charitable organization in 2008, and

WHEREAS, according to the Florida Philanthropic Network, Florida has more than 4,000 active grant-making foundations and corporate givers that distributed more than $\$ 1.4$ billion in grants to charitable organizations and causes in 2007,and

WHEREAS, individuals, foundations, and corporate givers contribute to the state's economic and social systems in ways that government and businesses cannot, NOW, THEREFORE,

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Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the state of Florida:

That the generous individuals, foundations, and corporate givers of this state are recognized and commended for the many charitable acts they perform that enrich the quality of life of all Floridians.

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