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House Resolution

A resolution honoring the 100 years of contributions by The Salvation Army to the State of Florida.

5 WHEREAS, present in over 5,000 communities worldwide, The 6 Salvation Army is the second largest charity in the United 7 States, according to Forbes Magazine, and

- 8 WHEREAS, Florida's Salvation Army, in keeping with the 9 motto "Doing the Most Good," has assisted more than 1.1 million 10 people in the state, supporting individuals and families in need 11 through assistance and community outreach efforts such as 12 homeless services, food distribution, transitional housing, 13 domestic violence shelters, day care, after-school programs, and 14 summer camps, and
- WHEREAS, in addition to providing vital food and shelter, The Salvation Army in Florida offers drug rehabilitation services, music education, rental assistance, tutoring, career counseling and employment opportunities within its Salvation Army Family Stores, community music programs, and various ministries and places of worship, and
- 21 WHEREAS, a leader in disaster relief, Florida's Salvation 22 Army provides emergency response and onsite assistance to 23 disaster workers; emergency shelter, food, clothing, and other 24 relief supplies; and spiritual ministry, grief counseling, and 25 long-term support after a natural disaster or local crisis, and
- 26 WHEREAS, the Red Kettle, originating in San Francisco in 27 1891, has become The Salvation Army's most prominent fundraiser, 28 and Red Kettle donations throughout Florida's communities, along

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with food, clothing, and toy drives and other assistance, have helped countless children and families recovering from disaster or financial hardship to experience the joy of the Christmas season, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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That on the occasion of its 100th anniversary on April 17, 2013, Florida's Salvation Army is honored for its invaluable contributions to the citizens of the state through its many ministries, social services, and disaster relief efforts and is recognized as a vital component of the well-being of the people of Florida.

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