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1 House Resolution 2 A resolution recognizing members of Jack and Jill of 3 America, Inc., on the occasion of their visit to the 4 Florida Capitol on March 26, 2015. 5 6 WHEREAS, Jack and Jill of America, Inc., was founded in 7 1938 under the leadership of Marion Stubbs Thomas as a nonprofit 8 family organization providing constructive educational, cultural, civic, recreational, social, and service programs 9 10 designed to stimulate and expand the mind and improve the 11 quality of life of children between the ages of 2 and 19, and 12 WHEREAS, members of the organization are committed to raising awareness of children's needs and concerns, helping 13 14 parents learn more about their children, and supporting national 15 legislation aimed at bettering conditions for children and 16 families in our communities, and 17 WHEREAS, the organization boasts over 230 chapters nationwide representing over 40,000 family members, and each 18 19 chapter plans annual programming activities guided under a 20 national theme, and WHEREAS, Jack and Jill of America, Inc., is divided into 21 22 seven regions nationally and Florida joins Alabama, Georgia, 23 Mississippi, and Tennessee as members of the Southeastern 24 Region, and 25 WHEREAS, in the words of the organization's founder, "To us as mothers, it has become a means of furthering an inherent and 26

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natural desire to bestow upon our children all the opportunities possible for a normal and graceful approach to a beautiful adulthood," NOW, THEREFORE,

31 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of 32 Florida:

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That the Florida House of Representatives recognizes the commitment of members of Jack and Jill of America, Inc., in the growth and development of children, welcomes them to the Florida Capitol on March 26, 2015, and expresses special appreciation for their service in Florida.

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