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1 House Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing the Honor Flight Network.

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4 WHEREAS, in 2004, nearly 60 years after the end of World
5 War II, war veterans and those who supported the war effort at
6 home received recognition for their service, sacrifice, and
7 victory through the dedication of the National World War II
8 Memorial located on the National Mall in Washington, D.C., and

9 WHEREAS, many courageous World War II veterans are now in
10 their 80s and 90s and have not had the opportunity, or lack the
11 ability due to physical or financial limitations, to visit the
12 nation's capital to see the National World War II Memorial for
13 themselves, and

14 WHEREAS, Jeff Miller of North Carolina and Earl Morse of
15 Ohio cofounded the Honor Flight Network, a grassroots, nonprofit
16 organization that uses commercial and chartered flights to send
17 veterans on all-expenses-paid trips to Washington, D.C., to
18 visit the memorial, and

19 WHEREAS, the Honor Flight Network operates through the
20 generosity of volunteers and donors from 43 states, including
21 Florida, and particularly the communities of Fort Lauderdale,
22 Naples, Ocala, Orlando, Port Charlotte, Rockledge, St.
23 Petersburg, Stuart, Tallahassee, and The Villages, and

24 WHEREAS, former Senator Bob Dole, himself a wounded veteran
25 of World War II, led the fundraising campaign to build the

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26 memorial and often greets Honor Flight Network veterans arriving
27 at the memorial, and

28 WHEREAS, of the 16 million veterans who bravely served in
29 World War II, an estimated 1.7 million remain alive today, and

30 WHEREAS, with hundreds of World War II veterans dying each
31 day, the Honor Flight Network is working against time to thank
32 the veterans of this state and the nation for their service,

33 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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38 That the Honor Flight Network is recognized for its service
39 to the valiant veterans of World War II and is wished much
40 success in its future endeavors.