

By Senator Abruzzo

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Senate Memorial

A memorial to the Congress of the United States,  
urging Congress to restore and provide adequate  
funding for the Supportive Housing for the Elderly  
Program.

WHEREAS, the senior population nationwide increased  
dramatically from 3.1 million in 1900 to 41.4 million in 2011,  
and, by 2030, is projected to increase to 70 million, and

WHEREAS, more than 50 percent of the senior population  
nationwide resides in nine states, including second-ranked  
Florida, which, in 2011, had a senior population of 3.4 million,  
and

WHEREAS, interest rates for personal savings accounts have  
dropped to less than one-half of 1 percent, pension and health  
care payments for retirees are decreasing, and the value and  
security of investments in 401(k) retirement savings accounts  
and stocks have dramatically decreased, and

WHEREAS, federal funding for low-cost housing for seniors  
has been cut drastically, with no new construction funded in  
2012, and

WHEREAS, thousands of low-income seniors are in immediate,  
desperate need for low-cost housing, NOW, THEREFORE,

Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

That the Congress of the United States is urged to assist  
our nation's low-income seniors by restoring and adequately  
funding the Supportive Housing for the Elderly Program.

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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
31 dispatched to the President of the United States, to the  
32 President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the  
33 United States House of Representatives, and to each member of  
34 the Florida delegation to the United States Congress.