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1 House Resolution

2 A resolution congratulating Florida's own Bubba Watson
3 on his 2014 Masters Tournament win.
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5 WHEREAS, Bubba Watson grew up in the Florida Panhandle
6 community of Bagdad and was introduced to the links at the age
7 of 6 when his father, Gerry, took him to an area golf course,
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9 WHEREAS, after graduating from Milton High School and
10 without any formal training, Bubba Watson made an impressive
11 showing as an amateur golfer, being named first-team junior
12 college All-American while playing for Faulkner State Community
13 College, and

14 WHEREAS, after transferring from Faulkner State to the
15 University of Georgia, Bubba Watson helped the Bulldogs clinch
16 the 2000 Southeastern Conference title, and

17 WHEREAS, Bubba Watson finished 21st on the Nationwide
18 Tour's money list in 2005, making him the last player to qualify
19 for the following year's PGA Tour, and

20 WHEREAS, in 2006, his rookie year with the PGA Tour, Bubba
21 Watson earned more than \$1 million, placing 90th overall, and
22 led the tour in driving distance, and

23 WHEREAS, in 2010, Bubba Watson claimed his first PGA Tour
24 win at the Travelers Championship on the second hole of a
25 sudden-death playoff, and

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26 WHEREAS, in 2011, Bubba Watson took two PGA Tour titles,
27 besting Phil Mickelson and Webb Simpson, and

28 WHEREAS, in 2012, Bubba Watson won his first major
29 championship at the Masters Tournament, where he executed a
30 miraculous recovery shot from deep in the woods on pine straw in
31 a sudden-death playoff round against Louis Oosthuizen, and

32 WHEREAS, his first Masters Tournament title propelled Bubba
33 Watson to a career-high 4th place in the Official World Golf
34 Ranking, and

35 WHEREAS, on April 13, 2014, Bubba Watson won the 2014
36 Masters Tournament at Augusta National Golf Club by three shots
37 with a score of -8, defeating Jordan Spieth and Jonas Blixt, and

38 WHEREAS, with his 2014 Masters Tournament win, Bubba Watson
39 vaulted again to number four in the Official World Golf Ranking,
40 joining the exclusive company of golfing greats like Jack
41 Nicklaus, Arnold Palmer, Tiger Woods, and Phil Mickelson, who
42 also earned two Masters titles in a 3-year period, and

43 WHEREAS, Bubba Watson's accomplishments on the PGA Tour are
44 well-known, but he also devotes much of his time and money to
45 charity and is a committed Christian who speaks openly about the
46 importance of faith in his life, NOW, THEREFORE,

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48 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
49 Florida:

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51 That Florida's own Bubba Watson is recognized for his
52 outstanding play on the PGA Tour and his 2014 Masters Tournament
53 win, and

54 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be
55 presented to Bubba Watson as a tangible token of the sentiments
56 expressed herein.