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House Resolution

A resolution honoring the Broward County
Division of Libraries.

WHEREAS, the foundation of a democracy is cradled in
the educational opportunities of its citizenry, and

WHEREAS, great sources of wisdom may be found in the
scholarly writings of our forefathers, and

WHEREAS, the literary masterpieces of each generation
allow us to understand what has created the ideals and values
of modern culture, and

WHEREAS, the availability of books to a society is
paramount to the development of knowledge, and

WHEREAS, libraries are the foremost source of research
for millions of students in the world, and

WHEREAS, Broward County has formed the Broward County
Division of Libraries to serve the academic needs of its
residents, and

WHEREAS, the Broward County Division of Libraries
serves hundreds of thousands of people each year, and

WHEREAS, the Broward County Division of Libraries has
been instrumental in creating programs such as the Seftin
Free-Net which allows many residents the opportunity to travel
on the information superhighway, and

WHEREAS, the Broward County Division of Libraries is
developing a rare book depository to protect a variety of
historical publications, and

WHEREAS, the Broward County Division of Libraries has
developed partnerships with the Broward County School Board,
Florida Atlantic University, and Broward Community College to
provide training for teachers to develop computer literacy in

1 the community and needed resources for collegiate education,
2 and

3 WHEREAS, the Broward County Division of Libraries also
4 maintains the Florida Diagnostic and Learning Resource System
5 Media Center to help special education teachers and parents
6 serve the needs of special children, and

7 WHEREAS, the Broward County Division of Libraries
8 serves as a repository for equipment and materials to help
9 children and their families succeed in solving domestic
10 problems, and

11 WHEREAS, the Broward County Division of Libraries has
12 worked to foster multiculturalism through exhibits and
13 festivals featuring different cultures and ethnicities, and

14 WHEREAS, the Broward County Division of Libraries has
15 worked to bring the fun of books to hundreds of children
16 through reading festivals and programs, and

17 WHEREAS, as a result of these innovations the Broward
18 County Division of Libraries has been recognized with the
19 1996-1997 Library of the Year Award. This national award is
20 bestowed annually by Library Journal and Gale Research, NOW,
21 THEREFORE,

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23 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
24 Florida:

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26 That the House of Representatives of the State of
27 Florida hereby commends the Broward County Division of
28 Libraries for winning the 1996-1997 Library of the Year Award.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution
30 be sent to Mr. Samuel F. Morrison, Director of the Broward
31 County Division of Libraries, and the Broward County

1 Commission as a tangible token of the sentiments expressed
2 herein.
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