

By Representatives Sembler and K. Pruitt

1 House Resolution

2 A resolution paying tribute to the memory of
3 Chief Judge L.B. "Buck" Vocelle.

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5 WHEREAS, Chief Judge L.B. "Buck" Vocelle, a lifetime
6 resident of Vero Beach, was born August 4, 1926, a member of
7 one of Indian River County's pioneer families, and

8 WHEREAS, L.B. Vocelle graduated in 1949, a member of
9 the second men's class at Florida State University, obtained a
10 law degree from the University of Florida in 1952, and joined
11 the practice of his father, James T. Vocelle, one of the
12 founders of Indian River County, and

13 WHEREAS, L.B. Vocelle, who served his state in the
14 House of Representatives from 1956 to 1962, continued to
15 practice law until 1979, when he was appointed by
16 then-Governor Bob Graham to the newly created judgeship of the
17 Nineteenth Judicial Circuit, and

18 WHEREAS, widely respected for his evenhandedness,
19 compassion, and commitment to equal justice under the law, in
20 1993, Judge Vocelle was elected chief judge by his peers in
21 the circuit, a position he would continue to hold until his
22 death on November 30, 1996, and

23 WHEREAS, Judge Vocelle, who cared deeply about children
24 and the future of the nation, which he defended in the Pacific
25 Theater as a teenage Marine in World War II, worked tirelessly
26 in his efforts to help establish the teen court, community
27 arbitration, and family court programs, and

28 WHEREAS, Judge Vocelle is survived by his wife of
29 forty-one years, Kathleen, and four children, L.B. Vocelle,
30 Jr., Kathleen Vocelle Kelley, Cynthia Vocelle Howard, and
31 Charles Vocelle, and

1 WHEREAS, Judge Vocelle, counted among Indian River
2 County's greatest leaders, will be remembered as a man of
3 integrity, who "did justice and loved mercy" and was concerned
4 less with legal technicality than in doing what was right,
5 NOW, THEREFORE,

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7 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
8 Florida:

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10 That the House of Representatives pauses in its
11 deliberations to pay tribute to a great man, Chief Judge L.B.
12 "Buck" Vocelle.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution
14 be presented to Kathleen Vocelle as a tangible token of the
15 sentiments expressed herein.

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