

By Representative Minton

1 House Resolution

2 A resolution expressing appreciation to Arthur  
3 William "Bink" Glisson.

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5 WHEREAS, Wellington pioneer Arthur William "Bink"  
6 Glisson, who lived on Wellington before it acquired its name,  
7 was born August 2, 1914, at Welaka, on the St. Johns River,  
8 and, as an infant, was brought by his parents to Palm Beach  
9 County, where he has continued to reside since that time, and

10 WHEREAS, Bink Glisson survived the ravages of the  
11 devastating hurricanes of 1926 and 1928 and has since  
12 witnessed many changes in the Glades area, some wrought by  
13 nature, some by time, and some by Bink himself, and

14 WHEREAS, Bink Glisson saw action in the Pacific Theater  
15 during World War II as a member of the United States Navy,  
16 and, while stationed at Key West, met Edward R. Stettinius,  
17 Secretary of State under President Roosevelt, a meeting which  
18 was to change the direction of Bink's life, and

19 WHEREAS, after the war, Bink Glisson became associated  
20 with Mr. Stettinius as estate superintendent, boat captain,  
21 and trusted friend and, after the death of Stettinius, Bink  
22 helped his widow sell the estate to C.O. Wellington, and

23 WHEREAS, continuing to act as agent for Wellington,  
24 Bink Glisson eventually amassed an area of 18,000 acres and  
25 formed the Acme Drainage District, later to become the Acme  
26 Improvement District, which allowed drainage of the acreage,  
27 thus making the land suitable for farming and ranching, and

28 WHEREAS, as its first employee, Bink Glisson served as  
29 supervisor and executive director of Acme for 40 years, during  
30 which time 10,000 acres of the district were sold to Jim Nall,

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1 the first developer of what has become the Village of  
2 Wellington, and

3 WHEREAS, in considering the changes that have taken  
4 place during his lifetime, Bink Glisson conceived the idea of  
5 a museum, and today the Bink Glisson Historical Museum will  
6 afford a unique opportunity for both residents and visitors to  
7 learn from its fine collections, NOW, THEREFORE,

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9 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of  
10 Florida:

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12 That the House of Representatives pauses in its  
13 deliberations to pay tribute to Arthur William "Bink" Glisson  
14 for his part in the birth of the Village of Wellington and for  
15 the establishment of the Bink Glisson Historical Museum.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution  
17 be presented to Arthur William "Bink" Glisson as a tangible  
18 token of the sentiments expressed herein.

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