

By Representative Ziebarth

1 House Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing MainStreet DeLand as  
3 the winner of the "Great American Main Street  
4 Award," a national award presented by the  
5 National Trust for Historic Preservation.  
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7 WHEREAS, Henry A. DeLand and the city's early settlers  
8 built a community around a thriving downtown area, and

9 WHEREAS, this downtown area was and remains the  
10 centerpiece and pride of the community, and

11 WHEREAS, the downtown district had fallen into a  
12 dilapidated state with a high vacancy rate and ill-maintained  
13 buildings, and

14 WHEREAS, the MainStreet DeLand Association was founded  
15 in 1985 by community leaders and citizens with the challenge  
16 of bringing about the revitalization of downtown DeLand, and

17 WHEREAS, the City of DeLand has pledged its financial  
18 and moral support for this effort over the past 12 years and  
19 the MainStreet DeLand Association with the City of DeLand were  
20 recognized with an award from the Secretary of State for  
21 outstanding public/private partnership, and

22 WHEREAS, MainStreet DeLand Association has been  
23 successful in forming the partnerships with all sectors of the  
24 community to continue the ongoing rebirth of the downtown  
25 area, and

26 WHEREAS, through its efforts in economic development,  
27 historic preservation, and marketing, MainStreet DeLand  
28 Association has once again returned downtown DeLand to a  
29 beautiful and economically vital center for business and  
30 retail, and  
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1           WHEREAS, the City of DeLand was chosen as the first  
2 officially designated Main Street City in Florida and  
3 continues to be a model for its achievements in downtown  
4 revitalization and is worthy of national recognition, and

5           WHEREAS, MainStreet Deland Association is being  
6 recognized by the National Trust for Historic Preservation  
7 having won "The Great American Main Street Award," NOW,  
8 THEREFORE,

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

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13           That the House of Representatives hereby  
14 enthusiastically congratulates the MainStreet DeLand  
15 Association for its recent recognition as the winner of the  
16 "Great American Main Street Award."

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