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House Resolution

A resolution paying tribute to Circuit Court
Judge Gary L. Formet, Sr.

WHEREAS, Gary L. Formet, Sr., was born in St.
Petersburg and raised in Gary, Indiana, and Sarasota, and

WHEREAS, in 1964, Gary Formet married the former Jane
Comer, whom he met while they were students at Stetson
University, and one son, Gary L. Formet, Jr., was born to the
marriage, and

WHEREAS, while serving as 1st Lieutenant of an Army
platoon in South Vietnam in 1967, Gary Formet stumbled on the
trip wire of a hidden land mine while on patrol, and

WHEREAS, following the amputation of both legs and a
year of recovery and therapy, Gary L. Formet, Sr., was awarded
both a Bronze Star and a Purple Heart, and

WHEREAS, Gary L. Formet, Sr., then attended Stetson
University College of Law, graduating in 1971 and beginning
practice in Orlando, and

WHEREAS, in 1979, Gary Formet began his judicial career
in Orange County, rising to the position of Circuit Court
Judge in 1986, winning the respect of public defenders and
prosecutors, and

WHEREAS, after a yearlong battle with a terminal
illness, the family, friends, and professional associates of
Judge Gary L. Formet, Sr., mourn his untimely passing, NOW,
THEREFORE,

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

1 That the House of Representatives does hereby pause in
2 its deliberations to honor and pay tribute to the memory of
3 Judge Gary L. Formet, Sr., a man respected and loved by his
4 family and many friends and colleagues for his kindness and
5 personal commitment to service and justice in the face of
6 adversity.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution
8 be presented to Jane C. Formet as a tangible token of the
9 sentiments expressed herein.

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