

By Representative Bloom

1 House Resolution

2 A resolution in recognition of the 50th  
3 Anniversary of the Town of Bay Harbor Islands.

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5 WHEREAS, the Town of Bay Harbor Islands is located in  
6 Biscayne Bay between Bal Harbour Village and the City of North  
7 Miami and consists of two islands, and

8 WHEREAS, the Town of Bay Harbor Islands evolved from  
9 the vision of Shepard Broad, who came to America from Pinsk,  
10 Russia, in 1920 at the age of 14, and

11 WHEREAS, after attaining a degree from New York Law  
12 School, Shepard Broad practiced law in New York until 1940,  
13 and then brought his wife, Ruth, to live in South Florida, and

14 WHEREAS, in 1945, Shepard Broad acquired two  
15 undeveloped mangrove swamp islands off 96th Street on Miami  
16 Beach which were all but hidden from sight at high tide, and

17 WHEREAS, along with prominent businessman Benjamin N.  
18 Kane, Shepard Broad filled in the islands, thus bringing Bay  
19 Harbor Islands into being, and

20 WHEREAS, in 1947, the Town of Bay Harbor Islands was  
21 incorporated, and, in 1953, the present municipality was  
22 created by the Florida Legislature and approved by the voters  
23 of the town, and

24 WHEREAS, Shepard Broad was elected the first mayor of  
25 the Town of Bay Harbor Islands and served for 26 consecutive  
26 years until his retirement from office in 1973, and

27 WHEREAS, on June 15, 1947, the first building permit  
28 was applied for, and within four years the Town of Bay Harbor  
29 Islands had a population of 550 citizens living in 46 private  
30 residences, and

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1           WHEREAS, the assessed valuation of the community has  
2 increased from \$56,000 in 1946 to \$118 million in 1979, with a  
3 general fund budget that increased from \$30,000 to over \$1  
4 million during the same period, and

5           WHEREAS, today the town boasts more than 270 private  
6 homes, 1,600 luxury apartments, 300 cooperative units, and  
7 almost 900 condominium units, and

8           WHEREAS, in keeping with the original concept of zoning  
9 for the islands conceived by Shepard Broad, the 103-acre West  
10 Island remains open only to single-family development, and

11           WHEREAS, the 150 acres of the East Island contain  
12 multiple-family dwellings and a business district of  
13 fashionable shops, art galleries, and prominent restaurants,  
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15           WHEREAS, it is with great pride and sense of  
16 achievement that the Town of Bay Harbor Islands marks its 50th  
17 Anniversary, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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22           That the House of Representatives hereby recognizes and  
23 honors the Town of Bay Harbor Islands on the occasion of its  
24 50th Anniversary.

25           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution  
26 be presented to Town Manager Linda Karlsson and Mayor Thomas  
27 E. Glick as a tangible token of the sentiments expressed  
28 herein.

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