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House Resolution

A resolution proclaiming April 6, 1997, "Dean Mitchell Day" in Quincy.

WHEREAS, Dean Mitchell, one of America's foremost painters, is a Quincy native and received his early art training in Quincy's public schools, where his talent was apparent at a very young age, and

WHEREAS, encouraged and supported by his grandmother, Marie, Dean Mitchell steadfastly pursued his dream of becoming an artist and earned his Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree from the Columbus College of Art and Design, which in 1994 bestowed on him an honorary master's degree, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mitchell, a prolific artist, works well in nearly all media, first choosing, then breathing life and soul into subject matter that personally moves him, whether it be figures, rural and urban landscapes, or still life, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mitchell's works are included in the private collections of a number of nationally recognized artists, as well as in corporate, museum, public, and private collections throughout the United States and abroad, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mitchell, who has received numerous national and international honors for his accomplishments in the field of fine arts, is also sought after as a commercial illustrator, and has published several books, and

WHEREAS, the works of Dean Mitchell will be exhibited simultaneously at the Gadsden Arts Center in Quincy and the LeMoyne Art Foundation in Tallahassee from March 28 through April 27, 1997, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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4 That the House of Representatives pauses in its
5 deliberations to pay tribute to Quincy native Dean Mitchell,
6 noted American artist and extraordinary gentleman, and hereby
7 proclaims April 6, 1997, "Dean Mitchell Day" in Quincy.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution
9 be presented to Dean Mitchell as a tangible token of the
10 sentiments expressed herein.

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