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1 House Resolution

2 A resolution welcoming the Imperial Tombs of
3 China exhibition to Florida.

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5 WHEREAS, the people of Florida will be privileged to
6 have the Imperial Tombs of China art exhibition at the Orlando
7 Museum of Art from May 2 through September 15, 1997, and

8 WHEREAS, the Orlando Museum of Art, one of only five
9 United States venues to exhibit this collection, will be the
10 final host for the exhibition before it is returned to
11 mainland China, and

12 WHEREAS, this priceless exhibition, covering 2,500
13 years of Chinese art and culture, consists of 250 national
14 treasures, more than 60 percent of which until recently were
15 never permitted outside of China, and will provide a
16 once-in-a-lifetime exposure to Chinese art and culture
17 spanning seven dynasties of Chinese emperors from 500 B.C. to
18 the twentieth century, and

19 WHEREAS, it has been forecast that the Imperial Tombs
20 of China will attract over 400 thousand visitors, with a
21 projected \$137 million economic impact on the state, and

22 WHEREAS, this exhibition also marks the opening of the
23 \$7.7 million, 30,786 square-foot Phase II renovation and
24 expansion of the Orlando Museum of Art, and

25 WHEREAS, the Imperial Tombs of China exhibition is
26 considered to be the most important Chinese collection ever to
27 be displayed outside of China, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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1 That the House of Representatives pauses in its
2 deliberations to recognize and welcome the Imperial Tombs of
3 China exhibition to Florida.
4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution
5 be presented to Marena Grant Morrisey, executive director of
6 the Orlando Museum of Art, as a tangible token of the
7 sentiments expressed herein.
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