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House Resolution

A resolution paying tribute to Wallace Chester,
Sr.

WHEREAS, Wallace Chester, Sr., a retired Dade County
School educator and one of his community's most beloved
residents, was born in Fort Myers, and

WHEREAS, after serving his country in the United States
Navy during World War II, Mr. Chester enrolled at Florida
A & M University, where he earned a bachelor's degree in
education and, later, a master's degree and where he met his
future wife, Beulah, whom he would marry in 1956, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Chester distinguished himself as an
educator during an exemplary 33-year career, during which he
carried out his goal of using the education he had received to
teach and encourage his students to achieve, and

WHEREAS, serving as a visiting teacher for the Dade
County School Board during the last 15 years of his career,
Mr. Chester visited truants' homes to determine why they were
not in school and often issued money vouchers for eyeglasses,
shoes, or other special needs, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Chester worked in the night education
program for the Dorsey Skills Center in Liberty City,
preparing students for GED completion, served as a volunteer
encouraging participation in the Jackson Memorial Hospital
organ donor program, and was a member of the Shriners Kazah
Temple No. 149 and a member of the New Way Fellowship Praise
and Worship Center, and

WHEREAS, Wallace Chester, Sr., will long be remembered
for his contributions to education and his service to his
community, 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 hereby pauses in its
5 deliberations to pay tribute to Wallace Chester, Sr.

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution
7 be presented to Beulah Chester as a tangible token of the
8 sentiments expressed herein.

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