By Representatives Minton, Ziebarth, Putnam, Alexander, Smith and Boyd $\,$

1 House Resolution 2 A resolution paying tribute to the late Marvin 3 Brooker, Sr. 4 5 WHEREAS, Marvin Brooker, Sr., was born, reared, and 6 educated in the community of Bell in what is now Gilchrist 7 County, and 8 WHEREAS, Marvin Brooker, Sr., enrolled at the 9 University of Florida in the freshman class of 1922, when, for the first time, enrollment at the university exceeded 1,000 10 11 and at a time when Gator Growls were "parties around a wood-pile bonfire, and 12 13 WHEREAS, after distinguishing himself on the debate teams of the university and the College of Agriculture and 14 becoming well-known for his involvement in activities of the 15 16 university, Marvin Brooker, Sr., received a bachelor's degree in entomology and plant pathology in 1926, his master's degree 17 in agricultural economics a year later, and his doctorate 18 degree in agricultural economics from Cornell University in 19 20 1931, and 21 WHEREAS, for the next 15 years, Marvin Brooker, Sr., 22 held positions in the Farm Credit Administration, until President Harry S. Truman nominated him to serve as executive 23 secretary of the national Price Decontrol Board, a function he 24 25 performed so well that the agency was disbanded less than two 26 years after its inception, and 27 WHEREAS, in 1947, Marvin Brooker, Sr., returned to the 28 University of Florida, where he would serve until his retirement in 1970, first as Professor of Agricultural 29 Economics, then as assistant dean, and, for 14 years, as dean 30

31 of the College of Agriculture, and

WHEREAS, in less than a year, Marvin Brooker, Sr., returned to the university to lead a program to recruit black students for the school's agriculture graduate program until his second retirement in 1974, and WHEREAS, this talented, dedicated man made many contributions to his chosen field of agriculture, his influence being felt not only in the United States, but throughout the world, NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Florida: That the House of Representatives pauses in its deliberations to pay tribute to the late Marvin Brooker, Sr., for his outstanding accomplishments in the field of agriculture.