## Florida House of Representatives - 1998 By Representative Kelly

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House Resolution A resolution commending the Freemasons and Samuel E. Cowan for their contributions to the citizens of the state. WHEREAS, Freemasonry began in medieval times and has been organized since the 18th century, and WHEREAS, Freemasonry was transplanted to the American

8 WHEREAS, Freemasonry was transplanted to the American 9 colonies by English and Irish masons during the early decades 10 of the 18th century, and as early as 1734, Benjamin Franklin 11 was Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania, and

WHEREAS, Samuel E. Cowan, born in New Jersey, grew up and was educated in Jacksonville and, after serving 8 years in the United States Air Force and the Florida Air National Guard, retired August 6, 1991, from The Prudential Insurance Company of America after 21 years of service, and

WHEREAS, Samuel E. Cowan, an active Mason for over 30 years, in 1987 became the fifth Florida Mason to purchase a Perpetual Membership, currently serves as a director on the National Masonic Renewal Committee, was appointed to the Grand Masters' Conference Committee for 1998, and in June 1997 was installed as Grand Master of The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Florida, and

24 WHEREAS, beyond the scope of Freemasonry, Samuel E.
25 Cowan, married and the father of four children, has been
26 recognized in a number of capacities for dedicated service to
27 his community, his state, and his nation, and

28 WHEREAS, Samuel E. Cowan, Grand Master of Masons of 29 Florida, serves as a leader to tens of thousands of Florida 30 Freemasons, as well as hundreds of thousands from around the 31 world who sojourn in our state, and

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1 WHEREAS, it is fitting and appropriate that the House 2 of Representatives of the State of Florida pause in its 3 deliberations to honor the Freemasons and Samuel E. Cowan for 4 their contributions to the state, NOW, THEREFORE, 5 б Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of 7 Florida: 8 That the House of Representatives of the State of 9 Florida hereby commends the Freemasons of Florida and Samuel 10 E. Cowan for their contributions to the citizens of this state 11 and hereby accords this expression in recognition and 12 13 appreciation of the invaluable service thus rendered to the 14 state. 15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution 16 be presented to Samuel E. Cowan, Grand Master of Florida of 17 the Order of Freemasons, as a tangible token of the sentiments 18 expressed herein. 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31

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