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House Resolution

A resolution in recognition of Phil Emmer.

WHEREAS, Phil Emmer was born on April 5, 1928, and was raised in Dade County, Florida, and

WHEREAS, after graduation from Georgia Tech University with a degree in civil engineering in 1949, Phil Emmer eventually established Emmer and Company, a small-volume home building business in the Miami area from 1954 to 1960, and

WHEREAS, Phil Emmer then moved to Gainesville and established Emmer Development Corporation, a privately held company with activities throughout Florida, and

WHEREAS, Emmer Development Corporation is primarily engaged in the business of land development, home and apartment building, and management of apartment projects, and in the past has been one of the nation's largest developers of turnkey housing programs, and

WHEREAS, as one of North Central Florida's largest diversified home and apartment building, land development, and real estate management companies, Emmer Development Corporation has developed land and built more than 6,800 housing units in more than 90 single-family and apartment communities throughout 14 counties in Florida, and

WHEREAS, in 1982 the Emmer Group was cited as one of the largest building companies in the United States by Professional Builder Magazine, and

WHEREAS, in 1984 and 1985 the Emmer Group was cited as one of the largest privately held businesses in Florida by Florida Trend Magazine, and

WHEREAS, Phil Emmer has long been active in local, state, and national affairs of the National Association of

1 Home Builders, having served in each chair of the Home  
2 Builders Association of Gainesville, and as president of the  
3 association in 1966, and

4 WHEREAS, Phil Emmer has been a chairman or vice  
5 chairman of various NHBA committees on ten different  
6 occasions, and has been a life member of the Board of  
7 Directors of the NHBA since 1970, and

8 WHEREAS, Phil Emmer served as an original member of the  
9 City of Gainesville's Housing Board, a member of the Advisory  
10 Board on Housing of the Urban League, and has been active in  
11 other public and industry organizations affiliated with  
12 housing, and

13 WHEREAS, Phil Emmer has been a member of the Board of  
14 Directors of the Gainesville Area Chamber of Commerce and  
15 served as its president in 1984, and

16 WHEREAS, Phil Emmer is a charter member of the  
17 University of Florida President's Council and since 1981 has  
18 served as a member of the Board of Directors of the Ronald  
19 McDonald House in Gainesville, and

20 WHEREAS, in 1982 he was appointed to the Florida Arts  
21 Council by the Secretary of State, and

22 WHEREAS, in 1983 he was elected as a charter member of  
23 the Board of Overseers of the Health Science Center of the  
24 University of Florida, and

25 WHEREAS, in 1986 he was elected to serve on a statewide  
26 Professional Advisory Committee of the Department of Urban and  
27 Regional Planning for the College of Architecture of the  
28 University of Florida, and

29 WHEREAS, in 1991 he was elected to the University of  
30 Florida Foundation, and

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1           WHEREAS, in 1997 he was appointed to the Alachua County  
2 Transportation Funding Advisory Committee, and

3           WHEREAS, Phil Emmer has been the recipient of numerous  
4 awards, honors, and recognitions, and

5           WHEREAS, in 1963 he was the first recipient of the Dick  
6 Hughes "Low Income Housing Award," an honor recognizing  
7 individuals devoted to housing for low-income families, and

8           WHEREAS, he was selected "Top Performer of the Year" by  
9 House and Home Magazine in 1964, received the Boys' Club  
10 "Outstanding Community Service Award" in 1965, and was  
11 selected an honorary alumnus of the University of Florida in  
12 1981, and

13           WHEREAS, in 1983 he was elected an Honorary Member of  
14 Florida Blue Key and of Beta Gamma Sigma, an honor fraternity  
15 of the University of Florida College of Business  
16 Administration, and

17           WHEREAS, in 1984 the Gainesville Sun named Phil Emmer  
18 the third "Most Influential" person in Gainesville, and

19           WHEREAS, also in 1984, Phil Emmer was selected as the  
20 Home Builders Association of Gainesville's nominee as  
21 Florida's "Builder of the Year," and

22           WHEREAS, in 1985 Phil Emmer was selected for inclusion  
23 in "Who's Who in Finance and Industry," and

24           WHEREAS, it is fitting and appropriate that the House  
25 of Representatives recognize Phil Emmer for a lifetime of  
26 successful achievement, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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1           That the House of Representatives of the State of  
2 Florida hereby recognizes Phil Emmer on this day of April 5,  
3 1998, the occasion of his 70th Birthday.

4           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution  
5 be presented to Phil Emmer as a tangible token of the  
6 sentiments expressed herein.

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