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House Resolution

A resolution honoring William Cecil Golden for his many contributions to education in the State of Florida.

WHEREAS, William Cecil Golden began his career in education as a teacher for the Santa Rosa County School Board in September 1945 and quickly rose to become one of the youngest public school principals in this state, and

WHEREAS, Cecil Golden, as a public school principal, engaged in agricultural pursuits in an effort to provide food for his students and even drove a bus to transport his students to school, and

WHEREAS, Cecil Golden began working for the Florida Department of Education as a Senior Specialist in the Student Financial Aid Section in 1955, and

WHEREAS, Cecil Golden, over the past 50 years, rose through the ranks of the Florida Department of Education, serving as Senior Specialist for Student Financial Aid, Senior Specialist for Teacher Certification, Assistant Director and Division Director of Teacher Certification, Associate Commissioner for Planning and Coordination, and Associate Deputy Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner for Educational Management, and

WHEREAS, Cecil Golden's many contributions to the people of the State of Florida have included, but not been limited to, developing the Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP), serving as the chief operating officer for the Department of Education, and helping the Legislature write the Florida School Code as we know it today, and

1 WHEREAS, Cecil Golden has loyally served five
2 Commissioners of Education: Tom Bailey, Floyd Christian,
3 Ralph Turlington, Betty Castor, and Doug Jamerson, and
4 WHEREAS, Cecil Golden continues to demonstrate great
5 dedication to the people of the State of Florida by
6 contributing his immense wealth of knowledge in the areas of
7 education policy and funding to the Florida House of
8 Representatives, and
9 WHEREAS, Cecil Golden, through his continued service,
10 is an invaluable source of history and expertise on education
11 in this state whose knowledge represents that "moreish"
12 knowledge so deeply appreciated by those who work with him,
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14 WHEREAS, it is appropriate that William Cecil Golden be
15 recognized and honored for his accomplishments and dedication
16 to the people of the State of Florida, NOW, THEREFORE,
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18 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
19 Florida:
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21 That the Florida House of Representatives hereby honors
22 William Cecil Golden for his many contributions to the State
23 of Florida and for his continuing effort to improve the
24 quality of education for the citizens of this state.
25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution
26 be presented to William Cecil Golden as a tangible token of
27 the sentiments expressed herein.
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