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House Resolution

A resolution honoring Jacques and Yvette Laroche.

WHEREAS, Jacques and Yvette Laroche, a Haitian American husband and wife team noted for their persistence, creativity, and commitment to excellence, are the owners of the only African American full-service interior design team in South Dade, and

WHEREAS, Jacques and Yvette Laroche have been setting the standard in home design since 1972, when they founded their business, Unique Home Design, Inc., in Montreal, Canada, and

WHEREAS, Jacques and Yvette Laroche relocated in Miami in 1985, where today their one-stop decorating center showcases hand-painted items exhibiting craftsmanship rarely seen in department stores, and

WHEREAS, recognized for their perseverance despite the destruction of their business by Hurricane Andrew in 1992, Jacques and Yvette Laroche renewed their operation, using their entire home as a factory for three years, and

WHEREAS, after much hard work and with a determination to succeed, Jacques and Yvette Laroche purchased and repaired a hurricane-damaged building and have expanded their business into an eight-member staff with over \$1 million in gross sales annually, and

WHEREAS, having firmly established their operation as a global competitor, with sales representatives in the Dominican Republic, Jamaica, and the Bahamas, Jacques and Yvette Laroche have opened a store in Phoenix, Arizona, and have plans to open franchises nationwide, and

1 WHEREAS, no strangers to awards and honors, Jacques and
2 Yvette Laroche have received accolades from local and national
3 entities, lauding them for their outstanding contributions to
4 the economy of the community, their commitment to service, and
5 their extraordinary professional accomplishments, and, on
6 February 3, 1998, the mayor of Miami-Dade County bestowed one
7 further honor by proclaiming that day Unique Home Design Day,
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9 WHEREAS, having already garnered six local, state, and
10 out-of-state awards during 1997, on November 22, 1997, Jacques
11 and Yvette Laroche were in attendance at the 15th Annual
12 National Minority Enterprise Development Week Conference when
13 their firm was named National Minority Retail Firm of the Year
14 by the United States Department of Commerce, NOW, THEREFORE,
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16 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
17 Florida:

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19 That the House of Representatives hereby commends
20 Jacques and Yvette Laroche for their remarkable
21 entrepreneurial acumen, commitment to excellence, and service
22 to their community and state.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution
24 be presented to Jacques and Yvette Laroche as a tangible token
25 of the sentiments expressed herein.

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