1	House Resolution
2	A resolution honoring the life of Thomas Joseph
3	"Tommy" Lawrence.
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5	WHEREAS, Thomas "Tommy" Lawrence was born February 26,
6	1938, in DeLand, Florida, and graduated from DeLand High
7	School in 1956 and from the University of Florida in 1960 with
8	a bachelor of science degree in agriculture, and
9	WHEREAS, after college, Tommy Lawrence returned to the
10	family farm where he and his brother bought his family's
11	citrus and fern farming interests and Tommy became president
12	and general manager of Lawrence Farms, and
13	WHEREAS, Tommy Lawrence served on the Volusia County
14	Farm Bureau's board of directors from 1961 until his death in
15	1998 and served as treasurer of the Florida Farm Bureau board
16	for 12 years, and
17	WHEREAS, Tommy Lawrence, who improved the fern growing
18	industry with his vision, was an active member of the Florida
19	Fern Grower's Association, which association he was largely
20	responsible for establishing and promoting and for which he
21	served as president for many years, and
22	WHEREAS, Tommy Lawrence was a member of Volusia
23	County's Agribusiness Interrelations Committee, was a past
24	president of the Volusia Poultryman's Association, had served
25	as a director of the Volusia County Fair, and
26	WHEREAS, Tommy Lawrence was twice named Outstanding
27	Young Farmer by the Jaycees and named an Outstanding Young Man
28	by the Jaycees in 1971, and
29	WHEREAS, Tommy Lawrence was well known and active in
30	many community organizations and was most noted for his

31 promotion of Volusia County's agribusiness industry, being

very influential in getting a number of policies and programs passed to help ensure the success of agriculture in Volusia County, and

WHEREAS, Tommy Lawrence was also known for is kindness and concern for others and his willingness to serve his community, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

That the House of Representatives recognizes Thomas Joseph "Tommy" Lawrence for his contributions to his family, community, and the agribusiness of Volusia County and the State of Florida.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Thomas Joseph "Tommy" Lawrence as a token of the sentiments expressed herein.