

By Representative Tamargo

## House Resolution

A resolution commending Senator James T.  
Hargrett, Jr.

WHEREAS, James T. Hargrett, Jr., was born in Tampa, Florida on July 31, 1942, into an established Florida family whose ancestors distinguished themselves in public service over a century ago, and

WHEREAS, James T. Hargrett, Jr., son of James T. Sr. and Mayme, grew up in the Belmont Heights area of Tampa, attended local public schools, graduated from Middleton Senior High School, and went on to earn two college degrees, a Bachelor of Arts from Morehouse College, and a Masters of Business Administration at Atlanta University, and

WHEREAS, James T. Hargrett, Jr., is married to Berlyn, an educator for many years, and they are proud parents of two adult children, Crystal and James III, and

WHEREAS, James T. Hargrett, Jr., has accomplished success as a businessman of several prosperous local businesses, is actively involved in community organizations, and is a member of numerous boards and committees. His participation as a member of the University of Tampa Board of Trustees, the United Way of Hillsborough County, Inc., the Greater Tampa Chamber of Commerce, the Tampa Urban League, and the Ybor City Chamber of Commerce has been that of an innovator and achiever, and

WHEREAS, Senator Hargrett has been a champion for the betterment of the Ybor City National Historic Landmark District and its citizens during his pre-legislative days, his 10 years in the House of Representatives, and most recently during his 6 years in the Senate, and

1           WHEREAS, in 1992 Senator Hargrett was the prime  
2 legislative advocate for the successful drafting, passage, and  
3 implementation of the William E. Sadowski Affordable Housing  
4 Act, which has made the dream of home ownership a reality for  
5 hundreds of hard working, everyday people across Florida and  
6 stimulated the state's economy by at least \$1.3 billion over  
7 the first 3 years, and

8           WHEREAS, Senator Hargrett has been a consistent  
9 supporter of the rich multi-cultural heritage of the Ybor City  
10 National Historic Landmark District and has been a driving  
11 force in obtaining financial support from the State of Florida  
12 for the preservation of the priceless buildings that house the  
13 mutual-aid societies of the ethnic groups that founded and  
14 breathed life into Ybor City, and

15           WHEREAS, Senator Hargrett has worked on legislative  
16 initiatives and appropriations which ensure a balance between  
17 regulatory needs, historic preservation, and economic  
18 development enabling, among other things, the preservation of  
19 unique balconies, vibrant storefronts, and an eclectic  
20 mixed-use in the Ybor City Historic Landmark District, NOW,  
21 THEREFORE,

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

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26           That the House of Representatives does hereby commend  
27 Senator James T. "Jim" Hargrett, Jr., for his accomplishments  
28 in business, local leadership, and representation of his  
29 community and the State of Florida.

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1           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution  
2 be presented to Senator James T. Hargrett, Jr., as a tangible  
3 token of the sentiments expressed herein.  
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